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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the Colony of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in *America*, begun and holden by Adjournment at *Newport*, within and for the said Colony, on the second Monday in *June*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-six.

P R E S E N T,

The Honorable

Nicholas Cooke, Esq;
G O V. E R N. O R.

The Honorable

William Bradford, Esq; Deputy-Gov.

JOHN COLLINS, Esq;
SIMEON POTTER, Esq;
JOHN JEPSON, Esq;
JAMES ARNOLD, jun. Esq;
JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq;
WILLIAM POTTER, Esq;
THOMAS CHURCH, Esq;

} Assistants.

The S E C R E T A R Y:

DEPUTIES

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DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Hon. METCALF BOWLER, Esq; Speaker.

N E W P O R T :	CHARLESTOWN:
Mr. John Wanton (<i>Son of Gide- eon</i>)	Capt. Joseph Stanton, jun.
Mr. Samuel Fowler,	Jonathan Hazard, Esq;
Col. George Sears,	WEST-GREENWICH:
Gideon Wanton, Esq;	Thomas Tillinghaſt, Esq;
Mr. Thomas Freebody,	Judiah Ayleſworth, Esq;
Col. Joseph Belcher.	COVENTRY:
PROVIDENCE:	Ephraim Westcot, Esq;
Col. Jonathan Arnold,	Mr. Jeremiah Fenner.
Mr. John Brown,	EXETER:
Mr. John Smith,	George Peirce, Esq;
Col. Amos Atwell.	MIDDLETOWN:
PORTSMOUTH:	Mr. Joshua Barker,
Mr. Speaker,	Mr. Nicholas Easton.
Mr. Jonathan Cornell,	BRISTOL:
Mr. John Coddington,	Shearjaſhub Bourn, Esq;
Mr. John Thurston.	Col. Nathaniel Pearce.
WARWICK:	TIVERTON:
William Greene, Esq;	Mr. Gideon Almy,
Charles Holden, Esq;	Col. John Cook.
Col. John Waterman.	LITTLE-COMPTON:
WESTERLY:	Capt. Thomas Brownel,
Major-General Joshua Babcock,	Mr. Daniel Wilbur.
Col. Joseph Noyes.	WARREN:
NEW-SHOREHAM:	Mr. Cromel Child,
Mr. Joshua Sands,	Col. Sylvester Child.
Mr. Edward Sands, jun.	CUMBERLAND:
NORTH-KINGSTOWN:	John Dexter, Esq;
John Northup, Esq;	Capt. Elisha Waterman.
Major Sylvester Gardner.	RICHMOND:
SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:	Major Richard Bailey.
Mr. Samuel Seagar,	CRANSTON:
Mr. Samuel Babcock.	Andrew Harris, Esq;
EAST-GREENWICH:	Zuriel Waterman, Esq;
Job Comstock, Esq;	HOPKINTON:
Thomas Shippey, Esq;	Mr. John Larkin,
JAMESTOWN:	Thomas Wells, Esq;
Capt. Samuel Carr,	JOHNSTON:
Benjamin Underwood, Esq;	Mr. John Finner,
SMITHFIELD:	Peleg Williams, Esq;
Daniel Mowry, jun. Esq;	NORTH-PROVIDENCE:
Capt. Andrew Waterman.	Major Thomas Olney,
SCITUATE:	Mr. Jonathan Jenckes, jun.
Mr. Christopher Potter.	BARRINGTON:
GLOUCESTER:	Edward Bosworth, Esq;
C. l. Chad Brown.	Capt. Thomas Allen.

JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

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WHEREAS Mr. Henry Peckham exhibited *H. Peckham* an Account, by him charged against the Co-<sup>allowed £ 7.
lony, for repairing Mr. John Banister's House: And
the said Account being duly examined, It is Voted and
Resolved, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and
that Seven Pounds Ten Shillings Lawful Money, being
the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said Henry Peck-
ham, out of the General Treasury.</sup>

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Persons at whose Houses the Piquet-Guard kept in Middletown, the Winter and Spring last past, be and they are hereby allowed Twopence Lawful Money per Night, for each and every Soldier, who kept at said Houses as a Piquet-Guard, during said Time: That the Owners of said Houses be accountable for what Wood they received of the Colony; and that the Money be paid by the Committee of Safety.

WHEREAS Messieurs Metcalf Bowler, John Jenckes, Report of the Faber Bowen, Thomas Greene, and John G. Wanton, were Committee appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of Joseph Clarke, Esq; General-Treasurer; and they having presented to this Assembly the following State of the General-Treasurer; of his Account, and Report thereon, to wit:

Dr. The Colony of Rhode-Island, &c. with Joseph Clarke, Esq; General-Treasurer.

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June. To Lawful Money Bills dated May 3, 1775, delivered the Committee and burnt,	{	£ 73:8 15 6
Interest on Ditto,		144 16 8 $\frac{1}{4}$
		—
To Lawful Money Bills of June 16, 1775, de- livered the Committee and burnt,	{	3402 9 2
Interest on Ditto,		56 18 10 $\frac{1}{4}$
		—
		£ 3459 8 0 $\frac{1}{4}$
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To Lawful Money Bills of June 29, 1775, burnt,	£ 38 33 15 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Interest on Ditto,	60 13 11 $\frac{3}{4}$
	£ 38 94 9 10 $\frac{1}{4}$
To 103 Treasurer's Notes given for Old Tenor redeemed and burnt, Interest in- cluded,	1972 11 9
To 17 Treasurer's Notes given for Law- ful Money redeemed and burnt, Interest included,	325 11 11
To the Amount of Charges contained in my Book, kept in alphabetical Order, against the Colony,	23183 11 5
To Lawful Money Bills emitted February 1767,	1 18 6
To Ditto March 1766,	0 12 11
To Ditto April 1762,	5 0
To Interest on Ditto,	0 1 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
To a Lawful Money Bill, Nov. 1762, Old Tenor,	0 0 3
	£ 33 0 0
To a Note given by Tho- mas Richardson, Esq;	£ 1 4 0
To Interest on Ditto,	0 13 6 $\frac{3}{4}$
	1 17 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
To Cash paid Metcalf Bowler, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety,	£ 11131 0 11
To Ditto paid William Bradford, Esq; as Ditto,	3001 0 0
To Ditto paid Stephen Mumford, as Ditto,	2050 0 0
To Ditto paid Daniel Tillinghast, as Ditto,	8891 5 0
To Ditto paid John Smith, as Ditto,	11475 1 3
To Ditto paid John Northup, as Ditto,	4356 14 3
To Ditto paid Jacob Greene, as Ditto,	2331 12 0
To Ditto paid John Cook, as Ditto,	1440 16 0
To Ditto paid Joseph Stanton, jun. as Ditto,	3699 4 0
To Ditto paid Nathan Miller, Esq; Com- missary,	14823 10 1
To Ditto paid William Greene, Esq; to fit a Vessel after Salt,	330 0 0
To Ditto paid Metcalf Bowler, Esq; and George Irish, to fit a Vessel after Salt,	500 0 0
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To Ditto delivered the Inspectors of Salt-Petre,	£ 539 17 4
To Ditto paid Henry Ward, Esq; from Sept. 1775, to June 5, 1776,	£ 157 6 0
To Ditto paid John Waterman, towards the Powder-Mill,	£ 50 0 0
To one Year's Salary, for my Service as Treasurer, from May 5, 1775, to May 1776,	£ 90 0
	—
Balance due to the Colony, in Lawful Money,	£ 105 17 7 5½
To Ditto in Old Tenor, £ 2556 5 1½	£ 19428 19 2½
	—
	£ 2589 5 1½ £ 124600 6 7½

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Nov. 6. By Balance due, as appears by Account audited Sept. 30, 1775,	£ 4245 11 1½
Ditto, in Old Tenor, £ 2589 5 1½	
17. By Cash received of Daniel Mowry, Esq; for Stock sold at the Camp at Cambridge, the 6th Inst.	£ 800 13 2½
By Ditto of Col. Daniel Hitchcock, being Money overpaid by the Committee of Safety to the Soldiers in his Regiment,	£ 52 2 6

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Jan. 6. By Cash received of Nathaniel Mumford, Thomas Greene, and Gideon Mumford, who were sent to Philadelphia, to bring the Continental Money from thence,	£ 35760 0 0
14. By Cash received of Nathaniel Mumford, which he received at Philadelphia, on General Hopkins's Order,	£ 250 0 0
18. By Ditto received from Joseph Hoxsie, per the Hands of James Congdon, 3d, in Part of the Sale of Sheep carried from New-Shoreham to Charlestown,	£ 103 9 4½

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By Ditto received of Dr. Babcock and Company, for Sheep sold by them, brought from New-Shoreham,	£	39	10	0
Feb. 6. By Ditto received of James Hill, for Goods, formerly the Property of Gilbert Deblois, as per two Receipts,	£	639	4	2
19. By Ditto received of James Congdon, 3d, on Account of Joseph Hoxie, for Sale of Sheep in Charlestown, brought from New-Shoreham,	£	39	17	2
By Ditto received the 6th Instant, in Silver and Gold, from William Rhodes, per the Hands of Mr. John Jenckes,	£	610	4	6
Mar. 11. By Cash received of George Irish, in Gold, to supply the Army at Quebec,	£	183	18	0
14. By Ditto received of Col. Thomas Church,	£	613	10	0
16. By Ditto received from William Potter, by the Hands of Ambrose Page, Esq;	£	82	0	0
17. By Ditto received of James Hill, for Goods formerly the Property of Gilbert Deblois,	£	342	2	3
23. By Ditto received of Stephen Mumford, Esq; for the Use of the Army at Quebec,	£	20	15	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Apr. 10. By Ditto received of Metcalf Bowler, Esq; in Gold, for Ditto,	£	131	9	1
26. By Ditto received of James Congdon, 3d, for Ditto, By Ditto received from Joseph Hoxie, per the Hands of James Congdon, 3d, on Account of Sheep from Luck- Island.	£	2	17	6
By Cash received of Stephen Mumford, Esq; for the Use of the Army at Quebec,	£	7	12	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
May 6. By Ditto received of Josias Lyndon, Esq; for Ditto,	£	30	0	0
	By	12	10	0

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By Ditto received of Peter Phillips, Esq;	for Guns, appraised in Col. Var-	} £ 422 0 0
nun's Regiment,		
May 11. By Ditto received of Metcalf Bow-	ler, Esq; for the Supply of the Army at Quebec,	} 90 1 0
13. By Ditto received of Col. Daniel		
Tillinghast, for Ditto,	} Esq;	5 14 0
14. By Ditto received of Joseph Clarke,	} for Ditto,	30 0 0
27. By Ditto received of James Hill, for		
Goods formerly the Property of	Gilbert Deblois,	80 0 0
1775.		
OCT. 31. By Lawful Money Bills emitted at	Providence,	20000 0 0
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Jan. 8. By Ditto emitted at Ditto,		40000 0 0
MAR. 18. By Ditto emitted at East-Greenwich,		20000 0 0
		£ 12,4600 6 15

We the Subscribers, with Metcalf Bowler, Esq; being appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the General-Treasurer, do report, that we find a Balance of Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty-eight Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Two pence One Farthing Lawful Money; and the Sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty-nine Pounds Five Shillings and One Penny Halfpenny Old Tenor, due to the Colony, agreeable to the above Account.

JOHN JENCKES,
JABEZ BOWEN,
THOMAS GREENE,
JOHN G. WANTON.

Providence, May 31, 1776.

And the Premises being duly considered, It is Voted and resolved, That the said Report be and hereby is adopted.

WHEREAS

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J. Greene's
Account as-
sisted.
WHEREAS Messieurs Nathaniel Mumford, Thomas Greene, and Gideon Mumford, were appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of Jacob Greene, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety; and they having presented to this Assembly the following State of his Account, and the Report thereon, *to wit*:

Dr. Jacob Greene, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety,
to the Colony of Rhode-Island.

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<i>May 25.</i>	To Amount of Cash you received of the General-Treasurer, <i>per his Certificate</i> dated May 25,	£ 2331 12 0			
			To Amount of sundry Deductions,	80	8 6½
	Balance due to Jacob Greene,			2412 0 6¾	
				377 19 2¼	
					2789 19 9
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			By Amount of your Account,	840 11 5½	
	By Amount of one other Account,			181 19 8	
	By Amount of your other Account, for Two Field-Pieces,			74 16 5	
	By Amount of the Muster-Roll of Capt. Job Peirce's Company,			661 13 0	
	By Ditto Capt. Thomas Gorton's Company,			369 4 4½	
	By Ditto Capt. Josiah Gibbs's Company,			392 14 3	
	By Amount of Account of Nathaniel Greene and Company,			53 3 4	
	By Amount of Galley Washington's Ac- count,			186 11 3½	
					2760 13 9
	By Commissions on £ 500 at 1½ per Cent.			7 10 0	
	By Commissions on £ 2260 13 9 at 1 per Cent.				
	Deduct		80 8 6		
		£ 2180 5 3 at 1 per Cent.		21 16 0	
<i>East-Greenwich, May 25, 1776.</i>					
Errors excepted, for Jacob Greene, £ 2789 19 9 Per WILLIAM GREENE.					

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Dr. Jacob Greene, Esq; his Account Current with
the Colony of Rhode-Island.

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May 25. To Amount of Cash you received of the
General-Treasurer, on Account of Out-
fits, Cargo and Loss of the Sloop *Mary-*
land, for Salt, as per Certificate from the
Treasurer of this Date,

Balance due to Jacob Greene,

10 14 13

£ 445 14 10

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May. By Amount of your Account for Cargo
and Outfits of the Sloop *Maryland*, for
Salt,

By Amount of the Value of said Sloop
(taken by a Man of War) as appraised
by Col. Richard Fry, and Mr. Robert
Stevens, which appears by the Charter-
Party,

By Three Months Interest on £ 255, from
Commencement of the Charter-Party, Jan.
24, 1776, to April 24th following, being
the Time of the Captain's Arrival home,
as per Agreement in Charter-Party,

By Commissions on £ 185 1s. 4d. at 1 per Cent. 1 17 0
East-Greenwich, May 25, 1776.

Errors excepted for Jacob Greene, £ 445 14 10

Per WILLIAM GREENE.

THIS 25th of May, A. D. 1776, we carefully ex-
amined and finished all the above Accounts.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,

THOMAS GREENE,

GIDEON MUMFORD.

MEMORANDUM. William Sweet, jun. Captain of the
Sloop *Maryland*, saved the Cash which he carried out
with him, and brought it home, amounting to One
Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars.

AND the said Premises being duly considered, It
is Voted and Resolved, That the said Report be and
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hereby is accepted ; and that the Balance mentioned therein, being *Three Hundred and Eighty-eight Pounds Fourteen Shillings and One Farthing Lawful Money*, be paid unto the said *Jacob Greene*, out of the General-Treasury.

W. Greene to WHEREAS *William Greene*, Esq; did sell and dispose pay £ 38 11s. of 2939 lb. Weight of Hides upon the Colony's Account, which amounted to *Thirty-eight Pounds Eleven Shillings and Sixpence Lawful Money* : It is Voted and Resolved, That the said *William Greene* be and he is hereby directed to pay the aforesaid Sum into the General-Treasury.

R. Peckham allowed £ 3 5s. 6d. WHEREAS Mrs. *Ruth Peckham* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by her charged against the Colony, for boarding and nursing *George Hamilton*, a wounded Prisoner, taken at *Prudence* : And the said Account being duly examined, It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Three Pounds Five Shillings and Sixpence Lawful Money*, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Ruth Peckham*, out of the General-Treasury.

W. Greenman to receive the Wages of his Son, who is a Minor. WHEREAS Mr. *William Greenman* preferred his Petition to this Assembly, setting forth, that his Son, *Wilson Greenman*, being about eighteen Years of Age, in the Month of *October, A. D. 1775*, enlisted as a Minute-Man, under Capt. *Andrew Waterman*, and served as such upon *Rhode-Island*, until about the Eighth Day of *December, A. D. 1775*, when he was discharged by the said Captain : That his said Son, being a Minor, he the said *William* is entitled to receive one Half Part of his Wages : That the said Capt. *Waterman* refuses to pay the same ; and that on the Tenth Day of said *December*, the said *Wilson* was taken and carried on board one of the King's Ships, where he is now detained as a Prisoner : And thereupon the said *William* prayed this Assembly to order and direct the said Capt. *Waterman* to pay the whole of said Wages to him, or such Part as this Assembly should think meet.

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WHEREUPON this Assembly taking the Premises into Consideration, Do Vote and Resolve, That Capt. Andrew Waterman pay unto the Petitioner (*William Greenman*) all the Wages that now remain due and unpaid, for the said *Wilson's* Services.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs Nathaniel Committee to Blanford, Thomas Greene, and Gideon Mumford, be and enquire what they are hereby directed to make Enquiry what Salt is in the Government, is in the Colony, belonging to the Government, and what the same cost, including the Vessels and Car- goes which were lost, as well as those which returned safe; and make Report to this Assembly by Friday Morning next, at farthest.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff of the County of Newport do, and he is hereby directed to take Possession of the Tan-Yard, Vats, Leather, Stock of Hides, and every thing else in the Tan-Yard in Newport belonging to George Rome, for the Use of the Colony.

WHREAS Mrs. Mary Gwin exhibited to this Assembly an Account, by her charged against the Colony, for nursing George Hamilton, a wounded Prisoner, taken at Prudence; and for lodging Soldiers: And the said Account being duly examined, It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that Eleven Shillings and One Penny Halfpenny Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid to the said Mary Gwin, out of the General-Treasury.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. Cromel Child be and he is hereby directed to make suitable wooden Wheels or Gun-Carriages for the Ship he is employed to make for the Colony; and that Mr. Edward Church make such Wheels for the Carriages he is employed to make for the Colony.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Capt. William Sweet, jun. do and he is hereby directed to pay into the General-

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W. Sweet, jun. neral-Treasury the Sum of *One Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars*, now in his Hands belonging to the Colony: *Dollars into the General-Treasury.* That the General-Treasurer apply to said Sweet for the same; and in case of Neglect or Refusal, sue for the same to the then next Inferior Court in the Colony.

J. Layell al-
lowed £ 18.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Layell*, of *Providence*, preferred his Petition to this Assembly, setting forth, That he was appointed to ride Post from *Providence* to *New-London*, for One Year, at the Price of *One Hundred and Eighty-five Dollars*: That being so appointed, he purchased two Horses, and otherwise equipt himself for the said Service: That he performed the same with Care and Fidelity for the Space of Three Months, when he was superseded by Mr. *Benjamin Mumford*, who was appointed by *William Goddard*, Esq; Surveyor of the Post-Offices: That the Petitioner has sustained considerable Damage by the Expence of equipping himself in Manner as aforesaid: Wherefore he besought this Assembly to consider the same, and grant him such a Sum to compensate for his Damages sustained as should seem meet: Whereupon this Assembly appointed Messieurs *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, to enquire into the Premises, who made the following Report: " We have made careful Enquiry into the subject Matter of the above Petition, and from the best Information we can get concerning it, are of Opinion, that the Damage sustained by the Petitioner is equal to *Eighteen Pounds Lawful Money*, which Sum we think he is entitled to." And the same being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the above Report be and hereby is accepted; and that the aforesaid Sum of *Eighteen Pounds Lawful Money* be paid unto the said *John Layell*, out of the General-Treasury.

W. Greene's Accounts set-
tled.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Thomas Greene*, and *Gideon Mumford*, were appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of *William Greene*, Esq; who fitted out a Vessel to purchase Salt for the Colony; and they having presented unto this Assembly the Accounts of the said *William Greene*, with the following State thereof, and Report thereon, *to wit*:

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Dr. William Greene, Esq; his Account with the Colony
of Rhode-Island.

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May 25. To Amount of Cash you received of
the General-Treasurer, as per Account,
to wit:

Jan. 19. Cash,	—	—	£ 200 0 0
May 14. Ditto,	—	—	£ 130 0 0
			—————
			£ 330 0 0
			62 14 7
			—————
			£ 392 14 7

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May 25. By Amount of your Account of Cargo and Outfits of Schooner <i>Abigail</i> , and Amount of Portage-Bill, and inward Charges,	£ 314 11 4½
By Amount of your Commissions on the above Sum, at 1 per Cent.	3 3 0
Balance due to the Colony,	75 0 2½

East Greenwich, May 25, 1776.

Errors excepted,

Per WILLIAM GREENE.

THIS 25th of May, 1776, we carefully examined the above mentioned Account, and stated as above.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,
THOMAS GREENE,
GIDEON MUMFORD.

AND the said Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and is hereby accepted; and that the Balance mentioned therein, being Seventy-five Pounds and Two pence Half-penny Lawful Money, be paid by the said William Greene, into the General-Treasury.

WHERTAS Messieurs Nathaniel Mumford, Thomas Report upon Greene, and Gideon Mumford, who were appointed a *J. Smith's Committee* Account,

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Committee to audit the Account of Mr. John Smith one of the Committee of Safety, presented unto thi Assembly the Account of Particulars charged by the said John Smith, and also the following general State thereof, *to wit*:

Dr. John Smith, Esq; his Account Current with the Colony of Rhode-Island.

1776.

Feb. 7. To Amount of Cash you received of the General-Treasurer, as per Certificate, £ 5350 1 3
To an Overcharge in Account, 1 4 3

Balance due to John Smith,	5351	5	6
	13	17	6
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	5365	3	0

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Feb. 7. By Amount of your Account within, £ 5365 3 0
Providence, February 7, 1776.
Errors excepted,

Per JOHN SMITH.

THIS 7TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, settled and adjusted the
above Account.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,
THOMAS GREENE,
GIDEON MUMFORD.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be and the same is hereby accepted; and that Thirteen Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Sixpence Lawful Money, being the Balance therein mentioned, be paid the said John Smith, out of the General-Treasury.

J. Jenckes's WHEREAS Messieurs Nathaniel Mumford, Thomas Account ad- Greene, and Gideon Mumford, were appointed a Com- justed. mittee to audit the Account of Mr. John Jenckes, for fitting out the Sloops *Liberty*, *Diamond*, and *Sally*, for warlike Stores for the Colony: And they having presented unto this Assembly the Account of Particulars of the said John Jenckes, and the following State of his Account, and Report thereon, *to wit*:

Dr.

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Dr. John Jenckes, Esq; his Account Current with the
Colony of Rhode-Island.

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Jan. 13. To Cash you received of the General- Treasurer, per his Certificate,	$\{ \text{£} 3811\ 13\ 6$
To Amount of 100 Barrels of Flour charged by John Smith,	$\} 186\ 4\ 6$
Balance due to John Jenckes,	$462\ 11\ 5\frac{1}{2}$
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	$\text{£} 4460\ 9\ 5\frac{1}{2}$

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Jan. 13. By Amount of Cargo and Outfits of the Sloop <i>Liberty</i> , Christopher Whipple, Master,	$\{ \text{£} 1011\ 5\ 6$
By Amount of your Account of the Cargo and Outfits of Sloop <i>Diamond</i> , Samuel Sowle, Master,	$\} 2568\ 16\ 10$
By Amount of your Account of Cargo and Outfits of Sloop <i>Sally</i> , Nathaniel Packard, Master,	$880\ 7\ 1\frac{1}{2}$
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Providence, February 13, 1776.	$\text{£} 4460\ 9\ 5\frac{1}{2}$

Errors excepted,

Per JOHN JENCKES.

Providence, February 13, 1776. Then settled and
adjusted the above Account, by Order of the Honorable
the General Assembly.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,

THOMAS GREENE,

GIDEON MUMFORD.

AND the said Premises being duly considered, It is
Voted and Resolved, That the said Report be and hereby
is accepted; and that the Balance mentioned therein,
being Four Hundred and Sixty-two Pounds Eleven Shil-
lings and Fivepence One Farthing Lawful Money, be paid
unto the said John Jenckes, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Col. Joseph Belcher exhibited unto this Colony an Account, by him charged against the Row-Galley Spitfire with, and also for divers Articles for

lowed £ 7 15.

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for the Use of the Soldiery: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Seven Pounds One Shilling and Eightpence Lawful Money*, being the Amount thereof, be paid to said Joseph Belcher, out of the General-Treasury.

J. G. Wanton, J. Jenckes, J. Bowen, and T. Greene, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for their Time and Trouble in settling the Accounts of the General-Treasurer: And the said Account being duly examined, It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being Nine Pounds Six Shillings, be paid to them in the following Manner, to wit: To Mr. John G. Wanton, Four Pounds Four Shillings, Mr. John Jenckes, Thirty Shillings, Mr. Jabez Bowen, Thirty Shillings, Mr. Thomas Greene, Two Pounds Two Shillings, out of the General-Treasury.

Sheriff of Newport to take Possession of G. Rome's Estate in Newport.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff of the County of Newport do and he is hereby directed to take immediate Possession of a Lot of Land, with two Dwelling-Houses thereon, lying in Newport, on the south Side of the Parade, being the Estate of George Rome, to and for the Use of the Colony: That the said Sheriff likewise take into his Possession, for the Use of the Colony, all other the Estate of the said George Rome, lying in the County of Newport, which hath not already been seized: And that the Tenants of the Estate aforesaid account for all Arrearages of Rent to the Colony.

Report upon D. Tillinghast's Ac- count.

WHEREAS Messieurs Nathaniel Mumford, Thomas Greene, and Gideon Mumford, who were appointed a Committee to audit the Account of Daniel Tillinghast, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety, with the Colony, presented unto this Assembly the Account of Particulars, charged by the said Daniel Tillinghast, and also the following general State of his Account, to wit:

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Dr. Col. Daniel Tillinghast, his Account Current with
the Colony of Rhode-Island.

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Jan. 11. To Cash you received of the General- Treasurer, as per Certificate,	} £ 2265 0 0
To Amount of sundry Errors in charg- ing and casting,	} 36 17 10½
Balance due to Daniel Tillinghast,	105 10 7½
	£ 2407 8 6

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Jan. 11. By Amount of your Account,	£ 2376 3 1½
By Commissions on £ 1500, at 1, per Cent.	} 22 10 0
By Commissions on £ 876, at 1 per Cent.	8 15 4½
	£ 2407 8 6

Providence, February 11, 1776.

£ 2407 8 6

Errors excepted,

Per DANIEL TILLINGHAST.

Providence, February 11, 1776. Then settled and
adjusted the above Account.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,
THOMAS GREENE,
GIDEON MUMFORD.

AND the aforesaid Premises being duly considered;
It is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be
and the same is hereby accepted; and that One Hun-
dred and Five Pounds Ten Skillings and Sevenpence
Halfpenny Lawful Money, being the Balance of the
aforesaid Account, be paid the said Daniel Tillinghast,
out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Messieurs Nathaniel Mumford, and Tho- Report upon
mas Greene, who were appointed a Committee to audit J. Northup's
the Accounts of John Northup, Esq; with the Colony,
as one of the Committee of Safety; and for fitting out
the Brigantine Nancy, to procure Salt for the Colony,
laid before this Assembly an Account of the Parti-
culars charged by the said John Northup, and also the
following general State of his Account, to wit:

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Dr. John Northup, Esq; one of the Committee of Safety, to the Colony of Rhode-Island.

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May 25.	To Amount of Cash your received of the General-Treasurer, as per his Cer- tificate,	£ 4356 14 3
	To Amount of sundry Deductions made,	2 9 10
	To Amount of your Account of Cre- dit for Tallow, &c. as per your Ac- count given in,	3 1 3
	Balance due to John Northup,	120 16 1 $\frac{3}{4}$
		£ 4488 1 5 $\frac{3}{4}$

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May 25.	By Amount of your Account from the 29th of November, 1775, to Jan. 16, 1776, as per Account,	£ 843 0 0
	By Amount of your Account to this Day,	3274 12 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
	By Amount of the Balance due on the Brigantine Nancy's Outfits and Charges, for Salt, as per Account adjusted,	325 1 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
	By Commissions on £ 843, at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent.	12 12 10
	By Ditto on £ 3274 12 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ at 1 per Cent.	32 14 11
		£ 4488 1 5

East-Greenwich, May 25, 1776.

Errors excepted,

Per JOHN NORTHUP.

THIS 25th Day of May settled and adjusted the
above Account.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,
THOMAS GREENE.

AND the Premises being duly considered, It is Voted
and Resolved, That the aforesaid Balance of One Hun-
dred and Twenty Pounds Sixteen Shillings and One Penny
Farthing Lawful Money, be paid the said John Northup,
out of the General-Treasury: That he pay into the
General-Treasury the Sum of Thirty-seven Pounds Four
Shillings Lawful Money, in Gold, being so much
brought in the said Brigantine Nancy, and receive Lawful
Money Bills in Lieu thereof, the General Treasurer
allowing

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allowing him for the Loss of Weight in the Gold; and that he sell to the best Advantage all the Goods remaining in his Hands belonging to the Colony, excepting a Quantity of Duck, two Muskets and two Blunderbusses, which are to be put on board the Row-Gallies.

WHEREAS Major Richard Bailey purchased for the R. Bailey al-
Use of the Town of Richmond a Quantity of Lead; allowed £ 4.
which being duly examined into, It is Voted and Resolved,
That the said Major Richard Bailey be and he is hereby
allowed the Sum of Four Pounds Ten Shillings and
Fourpence Lawful Money, being the Sum he paid for said
Lead; and that the Sum aforesaid, be paid unto the
said Major Richard Bailey, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. Seth Snell exhibited to this Assembly S: Snell allowd:
three several Accounts, by him charged against the ed £ 15 4 d.
Colony, for Blacksmith's Work done in and about the
Row Gallies Washington and Spitfire: Which Accounts
being duly examined, It is Voted and Resolved, That
the same be and hereby are allowed; and that Fifteen
Pounds and Fourpence Lawful Money, being the Amount
thereof, be paid unto the said Seth Snell, out of the Ge-
neral-Treasury.

An Account being laid before this Assembly by Mr. P. Acklin al-
Philip Atkin, for the Service of himself, and the Use lowed £ 2
of his Boat, &c. in carrying Col. Richmond and other 4 s. 6 d.
Officers from Newport to East-Greenwich: Which said
Account being duly examined, It is Voted and Resolved,
That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that Two
Pounds Four Shillings and Sixpence Lawful Money, be-
ing the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said Philip
Acklin, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. Joshua Coggeshall exhibited to this J. Coggshall
Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Co- allowed £ 3
lony, for supplying the Soldiers with Victuals, and keep- 16 s.
ing Oxen and Horses that were employed in Govern-
ment Service: Which said Account being duly ex-
amined, It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be and
hereby

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hereby is allowed; and that *Three Pounds Sixteen Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Joshua Coggeshall*, out of the General-Treasury.

W. Richmond allowed £ 3 5 d. AN Account being laid before this Assembly, by Col. *William Richmond*, for Cash paid for his Expences and Horse-hire to *Providence* and *East-Greenwich*, to attend the Assembly, by Order of his Honor the Governor: Which Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Three Pounds and Fivepence*, being the Balance thereof, be paid unto the said *William Richmond*, out of the General-Treasury.

C. Olney al-
lowed £ 3
15 s. 4 d. WHEREAS Major *Christopher Olney* exhibited unto this Assembly three several Accounts, by him charged against the Colony, for Horse-hire and Expences, in attending the General Assembly, by Order of his Honor the Governor: Which said Accounts being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby are allowed; and that *Three Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Fourpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount of said Accounts, be paid unto the said *Christopher Olney*, out of the General-Treasury.

G. Westcot al-
lowed £ 1
1 s. 3 d. AN Account being laid before this Assembly by *George Westcot*, for Oars for a Whaleboat belonging to the Colony: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *One Pound One Skilling and Threepence* Lawful Money be paid unto the said *George Westcot*, out of the General-Treasury.

A. Anthony
allowed £ 2
19 s. 9 d. AN Account being laid before this Assembly by Mr. *Abraham Anthony*, for victualling and lodging the *Pawtuxet Rangers*, while upon Alarm at *Warwick Neck*: Which being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Amount thereof, being *Two Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Ninepence* Lawful Money, be paid unto the said *Abraham Anthony*, out of the General-Treasury.

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An Account charged against the Colony by Mr. *W. Palmer*, for the Expences of a Boat and Hands allowed £ 1 to carry Major *Olney* to *East-Greenwich*, where they 5*s.* 9*d.* were detained by the Weather, being laid before and duly examined by this Assembly, It is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Five Shillings and Ninepence Lawful Money be allowed the said *Walter Palmer*, in full Satisfaction for the said Account; and that the same be paid him, out of the General-Treasury.

An Account charged against the Colony by Dr. *P. T. Wales*, for Medicines and Attendance upon two sick Soldiers in the Colony's Brigade, being laid allowed £ 3 12*s.* 8*d.* before and duly examined by this Assembly, It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that Three Pounds Twelve Shillings and Eightpence Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Peter T. Wales*, out of the General-Treasury.

An Account charged against the Colony by Mr. *J. Newton*, for a Cedar Boat and Oars taken by General *Hepkins* for the Use of the Colony, having been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly, It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that Six Pounds Ten Shillings Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Newton*, out of the General-Treasury.

An Account charged against the Colony by Mr. *A. Lockwood*, for Provisions supplied by him to the Troops on *Warwick Neck*, having been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly, It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that Nine Shillings and Twopence One Farthing Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Ames Lockwood*, out of the General-Treasury.

An Account charged by Mr. *Aaron Chase* against the Colony, for freighting Stock and Grain from *Prudence* to the main Land, having been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly, It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that Two Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Threepence Lawful Money,

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Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said Aaron Chase, out of the General-Treasury.

G. B. Allen
allowed £ 7
2 s. 2

An Account charged by Mr. George B. Allen against the Colony, for freighting Hay and Grain from Prudence to the main Land, having been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that Seven Pounds Two Shillings and Three Farthings Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid to the said George B. Allen, out of the General-Treasury.

B Peirce al-
lowed £ 2
2 s. 6 d.

An Account charged by Capt. Benjamin Peirce against the Colony, for his Horse-hire and Expences in going from Newport to Providence, being summoned to attend the Trial of Col. Henry Babcock, having been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Two Pounds Two Shillings and Sixpence Lawful Money be allowed, and paid the said Benjamin Peirce, out of the General-Treasury, which shall be in full Satisfaction of the said Account.

S. Child al-
lowed £ 1
3 s.

An Account charged by Col. Sylvester Child against the Colony, for the Expences of removing George Hamilton, a wounded Prisoner, belonging to the British Navy, from Warren to Newport, in order to exchange him, having been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that One Pound Three Shillings Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said Sylvester Child, out of the General-Treasury.

J. Bliven al-
lowed 10 s.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Ten Skillings Lawful Money be allowed and paid to Mr. James Bliven, out of the General-Treasury, for the Damage done to a Gun, received by him of Mr. Augustus Scunders, for the Use of the Colony.

S. Aborn al-
lowed 9 s.

An Account charged by Mr. Samuel Aborn against the Colony, for his Services in removing Stock from the Islands to the main Land, by Order of his Master the

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the Governor, having been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that Nine Skillings Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Samuel Aborn*, out of the General-Treasury.

An Account charged by *Charles Tillinghaſt*, Esq; *C. Tillinghaſt* against the Colony, for his Services in removing the allowed £ 24 Stock and Hay from Jameſtown, and for divers Ex-^{16 s. 1 d.} pences attending that Buſineſſ, by him paid, having been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that Twenty-four Pounds Sixteen Skillings and One Penny Lawful Money, being the Balance due thereon, be paid the said *Charles Tillinghaſt*, out of the General-Treasury.

An Account charged by *Richard Smith*, Esq; Sheriff *R. Smith* of the County of *Briſtol*, for warning the Members of the General Assembly in the County aforesaid, to attend at the Session held at *East-Greenwich* in March last, having been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that Twelve Skillings Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Richard Smith*, out of the General-Treasury.

An Account charged against the Colony by Mr. *A. Lowall* *Anthony Low*, for billeting Part of Capt. *Thomas Rice's* Company, when upon actual Duty, having been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that Eight Skillings and Fourpence Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Anthony Low*, out of the General-Treasury.

An Account charged against the Colony by Mr. *A. Lockwoode* *Abraham Lockwood*, for Provisions by him supplied the Militia, when upon Duty at the Alarms on *Warwick Neck*, having been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be

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be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Seven Skillings and Eightpence Lawful Money*, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Abraham Lockwood*, out of the General-Treasury.

D. Austin al-
lowed £ 6
per Annum
for his House. WHEREAS a small Dwelling-House belonging to *Daniel Austin*, situate at the Point in *Newport*, was removed to make Room for erecting the North Battery there ; *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *Six Pounds Lawful Money* be and is hereby allowed to be paid unto the said *Daniel Austin*, out of the General-Treasury, for each and every Year he shall be deprived of his House, to commence from the Time he was obliged to quit the same until it be restored unto him again, to enable him to hire a House.

Memorial of
the Commit-
tee to act dur-
ing the Re-
cess of the
Assembly, to
Congress. WHEREAS during the Recess of the General Assembly, such of the Members thereof as could conveniently be immediately convened did assemble, and thinking it to be expedient that *John Collins*, Esq; should present unto the Most Honorable the Continental Congress the following Memorial :

To the Most Honorable the Delegates of the United Colonies, in Congress, assembled at Philadelphia.

“ IN the Absence of the Governor, and Deputy-Governor, Commodore *Esek Hopkins* hath applied to us for the Re-delivery of Twenty Pieces of Cannon, which he hath landed in this Colony : We have thought it absolutely necessary to detain them, until your Honors should be made acquainted with the Circumstances of the Colony, not doubting but that upon mature Consideration it would be thought best for the common Interest to permit them to remain here. We beg the most favourable Construction of this Measure, and assure your Honors, that no Persons living are more sensible of the Necessity of establishing the Authority of Congress, nor more ready to pay Obedience to it.

“ YOUR Honors have doubtless frequently with Pain reflected upon the unhappy State of the Town of *Newport*, which was entirely defenceless, surrounded by a powerful

powerful naval Armament, and daily threatened with and in Danger of immediate Destruction ; for it was incontestibly in the Power of the *British* Fleet to destroy it at Pleasure. In this Situation it is not at all strange that near a third Part of the Inhabitants removed, and that a Majority of the Remainder were induced to temporize, and even to assume an Appearance rather unfriendly to the United Colonies. To this Situation alone is the former Conduct of *Newport* to be attributed, and not to Want of Spirit, or Love of their Country. In this State of Affairs the *British* Fleet quitted the Harbour, and Commodore *Hopkins* most providentially arrived with Twenty-six Cannon and some Shot, which he offered to the Town. The Inhabitants, elated with a Prospect of having this Means of Defence, assembled in a full Town-Meeting, and unanimously voted to work upon the necessary Fortifications, and to defend the Town, and immediately entered upon it with Vigour. This decisive Resolution gave every Friend to the United Colonies a new Spring, as many of us looked upon *Newport* as worse than lost to the common Cause. Three considerable Works have been erected : These Cannon have been with great Expedition mounted upon Carriages, and placed upon the Platforms, and the Town of *Newport* is now capable of being defended against all the Frigates in the *British* Navy. Fortifications are also making at *Bristol Ferry*, and on the East Side of *Rhode-Island*, which when compleated will effectually secure a Communication with the Continent, and enable us to defend that most valuable Island.

" We were happy in the Idea of having put a total Stop to supplying the Enemy, of destroying the very Seeds of Disaffection in the Colony, and of being an united People. We looked upon saving the Town of *Newport*, the commanding the Harbour, in which, from its Easiness of Access, Vessels from Sea may find a quick Protection under the Cannon of the Forts, and which will at all Times afford a safe Asylum to the Continental Ships, and to Privateers and their Prizes, as well as to other Vessels, and which, by Means of

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the Works now erected, may pass in and out in Spite of all the *British* Fleet, as Objects of very great Importance to the common Causē. But our pleasing Prospects are greatly interrupted by the Order to deliver Twenty of these Cannon to Messieurs *Hollingsworth* and *Richardson*, to be transported to *Philadelphia*. From the Face of it, which is directed to the Commodore, and in his Absence to Mr. *Tillinghaſt*, it appeared clearly to us that your Honors thought the Cannon were barely landed here, and had no Idea of their being fitted with Carriages, and planted in Forts erected purposely for their Reception.

" WE beg Leave to refer you for a general State of the Colony to the Memorial from the Assembly, which is now before your Honors, and is in no Degree exaggerated, by which you will be able to judge of the exposed Situation of the Colony, of its great Exertions for the common, as well as our own Defence, and of the utter Impossibility of our defending ourselves : To which we would add, that there are now in the Colony, exclusive of those brought by the Commodore, but Twenty-four Pieces of heavy Cannon, being Twenty-four and Eighteen Pounders.

" THE Assembly had contracted with the Owners of Furnace *Hope* for Sixty more, but the Commodore having brought Twenty-six heavy Cannon into the Colony, the Assembly consented that the Cannon for the Continental Ships should be first made, as the Owners of the Furnace could not possibly supply both Departments in Season, so that we have yet had but Four Eighteen Pounders from them ; nor can the others be made under a long Time, unless a Stop be put to those making for the Ships.

" WE are informed by the Commodore that he landed Thirty-six heavy Cannon at *New-London*, which from its Situation can be defended with one Quarter of the Number required for the Defence of the Bay, Town, and Harbour of *Newport*. And when the Difference of the Towns of *Newport* and *New-London*,
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in Point of Number of Inhabitants and Value, in Point of Importance to the United Colonies, and in the Abilities of the two Colonies, of which they are a Part, to defend them, are considered, we think it will not admit a Doubt from which Place the Twenty Cannon wanted are to be removed.

" WE beg Leave also to mention to your Honors some of the probable Consequences of depriving us of those Cannon. All the Disaffected, all the Lukewarm, and all the Timid, cry out that this Colony hath been totally neglected by Congress, while every other Colony that is expos'd is defended by the Continental Troops, which the most hearty in the common Cause cannot deny ; this, with the dangerous Situation of the Town of *Newport*, the Capital of the Colony, containing upwards of 1300 Dwelling-Houses, and between 9 and 10,000 Souls, hath produced a very great Division, and was near overthrowing that Administration which had so greatly exerted the Force of the Colony. The Blow however was averted, and the most seasonable Arrival of those Cannon, with the decisive Resolution of the Town of *Newport*, hath given Union, Spirit and Vigour to the Colony : Take them from us, and we cannot answer for the Event. The Town of *Newport* and the Island of *Rhode-Island* are lost. A small Part of that Army now at *Halifax*, may in their Way to the Westward effect their Destruction, without being detained three Days. It will be impossible for the Inhabitants to defend themselves : They will not even attempt it. There is Danger, that those People who are so desirous of Reconciliation with *Great-Britain* upon any Terms, will gain the Ascendancy, and of the Colony's being lost to *America*. Leave us the Cannon, we can save *Newport*, which hath been induced in Consequence of their Arrival to take such Steps as must bring upon them the British Arms, and who will be most cruelly treated in being deprived of them. We can keep Possession of *Rhode-Island*, which is of great Consequence to the Inhabitants and Trade of *Taunton* and *Swansey* Rivers ; and we shall be a united People, ready with our Lives and Fortunes to support the Measures of Congress.

" We

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"WE submit this Representation to your Honors, which will be delivered to you by John Collins, Esq; the First Assistant in this Colony, to whom we beg Leave to refer you for further Information, not in the least doubting that upon full Enquiry and Deliberation your Honors will consent that the Cannon remain here, until we can be otherwise supplied."

Signed by Order and in Behalf of such Members of the General Assembly, as could conveniently be convened,

By HENRY WARD, Sec'y.
Providence, May 20, 1776.

WHEREUPON this Assembly taking the Premises into Consideration, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Memorial be and the same is hereby approved.

Sheriff of
Newport to
take an In-
ventory of
the Stock in
E. Cole's Tan-
Yard, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff of the County of Newport immediately make an Inventory of the whole Stock in the Tan-Yard now in the Possession of Mr. Edward Cole, of Newport; and that the said Sheriff, with Col. Christopher Lippet and Mr. Robert Taylor, or the major Part of them, be a Committee to employ suitable Persons to work up the whole of the said Stock upon reasonable Terms, for the Benefit of the Colony.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs Thomas Greene, Nathaniel Mumford, and the aforesaid Robert Taylor, or the major Part of them, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to examine and state the Accounts between the said Edward Cole and George Rome, respecting the said Tan-Yard, from the Time they entered into Partnership: That the said Edward Cole submit to the Inspection of the said Committee, under Oath, the original Contract of Partnership, and all Books of Accounts and Papers whatever relating to the said Tan-Yard, and to all Accounts of every Nature subsisting between them; and that the said Committee report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

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WHEREAS Messieurs Nathaniel Mumford, Thomas Cost of the Greene, and Gideon Mumford, were appointed a Committee to enquire what Salt is now in the Colony belonging to the Government, and what the same cost, including all Charges; and they having presented unto this Assembly an Account, by them stated, with their Report thereon, as follow, *to wit*:

Dr. Salt, imported and purchased by the Colony of Rhode-Island.

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June.	To Amount of Cargo, Outfits and inward Charges, of Brig <i>Nancy</i> , fitted by <i>John Northup</i> ,	£ 310 13 6
	To Amount of Cargo, Outfits and Loss, of Sloop <i>Maryland</i> , by <i>Jacob Greene</i> ,	445 14 10
	To Amount of Cargo, Outfits and inward Charges, of Schooner <i>Abigail</i> , by <i>William Greene</i> ,	317 14 4
	To Amount of Cargo and Outfits of Brig ——, by <i>Smith and Mathewson</i> ,	216 16 5
	To Amount of the Loss of said Brig,	480 0 0
	To Amount of Cargo, Outfits and Portage-Bill, of the Schooner <i>Eagle</i> , by <i>Joseph Stanton</i> , supposed,	303 0 0
	To Amount of 1880 Bushels purchased by <i>John Smith</i> , averaged as per <i>Paul Tew's Account</i> , at 8 s.	752 0 0
	To Amount of 617 Bushels bought by <i>Sylvester Child</i> , at 3 s.	92 11 0
	Measuring and shifting Ditto,	0 18 0
	To Amount of <i>Cory</i> and <i>Irisb's</i> Char- ges in fitting out two Vessels to fetch Salt, stopt by Assembly,	172 13 0
	By Salt imported in Brig <i>Nancy</i> ,	£ 3091 19 1
	Ditto in Schooner <i>Abigail</i> , 1880 Ditto.	
	Ditto in Schooner <i>Eagle</i> , 1500 Ditto.	
	Bought by <i>John Smith</i> , 1880 Ditto.	
	Bought by <i>Sylvester Child</i> , 617 Ditto.	

8377 Bushels.

Allowed

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Allowed for Waftage, }
 Wharfage and Stor- } 628 Bushels deducted.
 age, at $7\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent.

At Westerly, purchased by }
 Col. Noyes, } 130
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7879 Bushels.
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HAVING carefully examined the Accounts of the Cargoes, Outfits, and inward Charges, of the aforementioned Vessels, and the Losses thereon sustained, and averaged them with the Salt imported and purchased, we find that it cost the Colony *Seven Shillings and Elevenpence Three Farthings per Bushel.*

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,
 THOMAS GRELNE.

AND the Premises being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the aforesaid Report be and hereby is accepted.

Committee to audit P. Tew's Account with the Colony. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Col. Amos Atwell, Messieurs John Smith and John Brown, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to audit the Account of Paul Tew, Esq; with the Colony: And that they make Report to this Assembly.

Thanks of the Assembly to G. Washington, Esq; *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Thanks of this Assembly be given to his Excellency George Washington, Esq; Commander in Chief of the Forces of the United Colonies, for his favourable Representation of the State of this Colony to the Most Honorable the Continental Congress, and Interposition in procuring the Colony's Brigade to be taken into Continental Pay: And that his Honor the Governor be requested to transmit to his Excellency a Copy of this Vote.

Committee to prepare a Bill for establish- *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Jonathan Arnold, Henry Marchant, and Henry Ward, Esquires, be and they

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they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare a Bill for establishing suitable Offices at *Newport* and *Providence*, for entering and clearing Vessels, and fixing the Fees of the Officers.

WHEREAS Capt. *Matthew Allen*, of *Barrington*, preferred his Petition to this Assembly, setting forth, That granted £ 6. he had the Command of a Company in Col. *Church's* Regiment, the last Summer's Campaign: That in making out a Return of his Company to the Colonel, in order that his said Company should receive their Wages, he inadvertently omitted to return three of the Soldiers Names belonging thereto: That their Wages amount to *Six Pounds Lawful Money*, which they were entitled to receive, and were not paid by the said Colonel: That the Petitioner paid the said Sum to them, out of his own Monies; and thereupon besought this Assembly that the same might be allowed and paid him, out of the General Treasury: Whereupon this Assembly taking the Premises into Consideration, and having duly examined the same, *Do Vote and Resolve*, That the Prayer of said Petition be and hereby is granted; and that the aforesaid Sum of *Six Pounds* be paid unto the said *Matthew Allen*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS the Inhabitants of the Town of *Newport*, in Town-Meeting legally assembled, on the Twenty-ninth Day of April last, unanimously Voted, That they would defend the said Town, and ordered that the Inhabitants should work upon the Fortifications, upon the Penalty of paying *Three Shillings per Day*, for each and every Day's Neglect; and at a Meeting held on the Twenty fifth Day of May last, ordered, that the Fines of the Delinquents should be collected by *William Davis*; and that in case of Refusal he should restrain: And whereas some Doubts have arisen respecting the Authority of the said Town-Meetings to pass the said Votes:

IT is therefore Resolved and Declared, and it is hereby Declared by this Assembly, That by the Acts of Incorporation

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corporation of the several Towns in this Colony, they are and ever were sufficiently authorized and empowered to make and ordain Acts, Laws, Orders and Regulations, binding upon their respective Inhabitants, in all Cases whatever, for their Advantage, Safety and Defence, and to impose such Fines and Penalties for the Breaches thereof, as they shall deem meet, and to appoint a Person or Persons to collect such Fines and Penalties, with Power to distrain, in case of Refusal or Neglect to pay the same ; provided such Acts, Laws, Orders and Regulations, are not repugnant to the Acts, Laws, Orders and Regulations, of this General Assembly.

S. Johnson al-
lowed £ 50
10s.
to

WHEREAS Mr. Samuel Johnson exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Four Pieces of Cannon, for the Use of the Colony : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Fifty Pounds and Ten Skillings*, being the Amount of said Account, be paid unto the said *Samuel Johnson*, out of the General-Treasury.

J. Lippet al-
lowed £ 1
9s. 9d.
to

WHEREAS Mr. Joseph Lippet exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged, for victualling Part of Capt. Reuben Whitman's Company of Militia, at the Alarm upon Warwick Neck : Which said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *One Pound Nine Skillings and Ninepence*, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Joseph Lippet*, out of the General-Treasury.

J. Clarke al-
lowed £ 90
to

WHEREAS Mr. Jeremiah Clarke exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged for Six Pieces of Cannon delivered Brigadier-General West, for the Use of the Colony : Which said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Ninety Pounds Lawful Money*, being the Amount thereof, be paid unto the said *Jeremiah Clarke*, out of the General-Treasury.

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WHEREAS Mr. Daniel Chace exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged for the Use of a Feather-Bed, made Use of for a wounded Prisoner taken at Prudence, which was damaged : Which said Account being duly examined, It is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Five Shillings Lawful Money, for the said Damage, be paid unto the said Daniel Chace, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Messieurs William Barton, William Stevens, W. Barton, Nathaniel Jacobs, jun. and Samuel Chace, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged for their Time, Expence, and Horse-hire, in going to Boston, and bringing Ten Prisoners to Providence : Which said Account being duly examined, It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being Thirteen Pounds Eight Shillings and Sevenpence Lawful Money, be paid unto the said William Barton, William Stevens, Nathaniel Jacobs, jun. and Samuel Chace, out of the General-Treasury.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Persons appointed by this Assembly to take Possession of Estates belonging to Persons disaffected to the United Colonies, in Behalf of and for the Use of the Government, be and they are hereby directed immediately to render an Account, in Writing, of their Proceedings therein to this Assembly.

WHEREAS William Potter and John Northup, Esquires, who were appointed at the last Session a Committee to let out, in Behalf of the Colony, all the real Estates in the County of King's County, lately belonging to Persons disaffected to the United Colonies, and heretofore ordered by this Assembly to be taken into Possession by the Sheriff of said County, &c. did upon a Copy of their Appointment make Report ; to which they subjoined an Account, by them charged against the Colony, as follows, to wit :

We the Subscribers, with Peter Phillips, Esq; in Obedience to the within Order, have leased all the Estates taken

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taken into Possession by the Sheriff of the County of King's County, as within mentioned, to wit: The Estate lately belonging to the Heirs of John Borland, consisting of two Tracts of Land, one of which we have let to Rowland Robinson, Esq; and the other to Mr. Christopher Robinson: The Estate lately belonging to Dr. Thomas Moffatt, we have let to Mr. Charles Dyre: The Estate lately belonging to George Rome, we have let to Mr. Stephen Boyer; and the Estate lately belonging to Samuel Sewall, consisting of two Tracts, one of which we have leased to Mr. Silas Niles, and the other to Mr. David Austin; and have taken written Leases thereof, which we here-with present to your Honors. We have also disposed of, at public Vendue, Four Horses lately belonging to the said George Rome, for the Sum of Forty-nine Pounds Sixteen Shillings; which we are ready to account for.

WILLIAM POTTER,
JOHN NORTHUP.

The Colony to the said Committee, Dr.	
To William Potter, for his Service in performing the above mentioned Business,	£ 2 2 0
7 Days, at 6 s. per Day,	
To Peter Phillips, for the same, 6 Days,	£ 1 16 0
For advertising the Stock,	0 5 0
	—
To John Northup, for his Service as above, 8 Days,	£ 2 8 0
For Cash paid the Vendue-Master,	1 4 11
For Ditto paid J. Coggeshall, for drawing the Writings,	0 10 0
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	4 2 11
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	£ 8 5 11

Committee allowed £ 8
5 s. 11 d.

Both which being duly considered, It is Voted and Resolved, That the said Report be accepted; that the said Account of the Committee be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, in the aforesaid Proportions; and that the Committee pay the said Sum of Forty-

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Forty-nine Pounds Sixteen Shillings into the General-Treasury.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs Nathaniel Committee to Mumford, Thomas Greene, and Gideon Mumford, be and state the Demands of the Colony upon them, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare a State of the Demands of this Colony upon the Continental Treasury; and that they lay the same before this Assembly at the next Session, in order that it may be transmitted with the Vouchers to the Treasury-Office.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all the Arrearages of Rents due from the Tenants in Possession of the Lands lately belonging to Persons disaffected to the American Cause, and taken into Possession of this Colony, be paid into the General-Treasury: That Col. John Cooke, for the County of Newport; Paul Tew, Esq; for the County of Providence; William Potter, Esq; for the County of King's County; and Mr. Cromel Child, for the County of Bristol, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire into and settle said Arrearages: That the Secretary deliver to the General-Treasurer all the Leases and Papers relating to said Estates that are in his Possession: And that in case the said Arrearages be not paid within Two Months after the Rising of this Assembly, the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to sue for the same.

WHEREAS Mr. Benjamin Shearman exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Use of his Boat seven Months, which was taken for the Service of the Colony, by General Hopkins: *It is Voted and Resolved,* upon due Examination, That the same be allowed; and that Two Pounds Sixteen Shillings Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said Benjamin Shearman, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS at the last Session Nedebiah Wilkinson was by Mistake chosen First Lieutenant, and Edward Thompson Second Lieutenant, of the Independent Company, called

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Mistake in the called the Smithfield and Cumberland Rangers, when it
 Choice of Officers was the Intention of the said Company that the said
 officers of the Smithfield and Cumberland Rangers rec- Edward Thompson should have been the First, and the
 tified. said Nedebiah Wilkinson the Second Lieutenant : It is
 therefore Voted and Resolved, That the said Choice be
 and the same is hereby made null ; that the said Edward
 Thompson be and he is hereby appointed First Lieu-
 tenant, and the said Nedebiah Wilkinson Second Lieu-
 tenant, of the said Company ; and that they be com-
 missioned accordingly.

S. Southwick allowed £ 6 6s. 2d. WHEREAS Mr. Solomon Southwick exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, amounting to Thirteen Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Twopence, by him charged against the Colony, for Paper supplied the Secretary for the Use of the Colony, for printing the Rules and Regulations of the Army, for inserting divers Acts of Assembly, and Advertisements, in the Newport Mercury, &c. and deducted therefrom Seven Pounds Ten Shillings, for the nett Amount of the Post-Office, while the same was under the Direction of the Colony : It is Voted and Resolved, upon due Examination of the said Account, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that Six Pounds Six Shillings and Twopence, being the Balance thereof, be paid the said Solomon Southwick, out of the General-Treasury.

J. Frost's Es-
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 ed. IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff of the County of Newport be and he is hereby directed to take Possession, in Behalf of the Colony, of a Dwelling-House and Lot, situate in Newport, in the said County, belonging to James Frost, who hath engaged in the Service of the Enemies to the United Colonies : But that the Wife of the said James Frost may reside on the Premises, or receive the Rents and Profits thereof, until further Orders from this Assembly.

Sheriff of the
 County of
 Newport to
 take E. Cole
 into Custody. WHEREAS the Committee appointed to examine and state the Accounts between George Rome and Edward Cole, have informed this Assembly, that the said Edward Cole refuseth to submit, under Oath, the Accounts, Papers, &c. to the Inspection of the said Committee : It

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It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the said Edward Cole be immediately taken into Custody by the Sheriff of the County of Newport, and safely kept until he shall submit the said Accounts, &c. to the Inspection of the said Committee, agreeable to the Act of this Assembly made in that Behalf.

In Council was read the Return of the Officers chosen for the Independent Company, called the *Kentish Guards.* Officers of the

*Richard Fry, Captain,
Hopkins Cooke, First Lieutenant,
Thomas Holden, Second Lieutenant,
Sylvester Greene, Ensign.*

AND the same being duly considered, *It is Voted,*
That the said Choice be and hereby is approved.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That William Potter, Esq; Court-House be and he is hereby directed to procure the Court-House in King's County to be finished, as soon as possible ; and that he be empowered to draw Three Hundred Pounds Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury, for that Purpose.

WHEREAS Mr. John Smith exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for two Reams of Paper, delivered the Secretary, for the Use of the Colony : *It is Voted and Resolved,* upon due Examination, That the said Account be and the same is hereby allowed ; and that Three Pounds Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said John Smith, out of the General-Treasury.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all the Soldiers who were stationed at Block-Island, be paid the Wages still due to them, by John Northup, and Joseph Stanton, jun. Esquires, two of the Committee of Safety, as soon as conveniently may be ; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

In Council was read the Return of the Officers chosen for the Company called the *North-Providence Rangers.* Officers for the North-Providence Rangers, who are as follow :

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*John Angell (Son of Stephen) Captain,
Thomas Olney, jun. Lieutenant,
Joseph Hawkins, jun. Ensign.*

AND the same being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Choice be and hereby is approved.



An ACT permitting Inoculation for the Small-Pox in this Colony.

Act permitting Inoculation.

WHEREAS the Small-Pox hath made the most dreadful Ravages in the Army lately before Quebec, which was a principal Cause of raising the Blockade of that City, and there is great Danger that the Inhabitants of the United Colonies may, by the Prevalence of that dreadful Distemper, be rendered incapable of Defence at a Time when their Safety may depend upon their most vigorous Exertions: And whereas that Distemper taken by Inoculation is so easy and light, and the Method of Treatment so beneficial, that any Number of Persons inoculated are more likely to live, than the same Number of Persons not inoculated; and as by introducing the Practice of Inoculation with Prudence and Caution, the greater Part of the male Inhabitants of the Colonies may soon get over that terrible Disease, and the fatal Consequences to be apprehended from our Armies being infected therewith be averted:

B E it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That one Hospital may be established for inoculating for the Small-Pox in each County in this Colony, in such Town as the Majority of the Deputies in the County, in a Meeting duly warned, shall agree upon: That the Hospital in the Town which shall be so agreed upon shall be fixed in some suitable and retired Place in such Town, under the Direction of the Town-Council, or of such Committee as the Town shall appoint: Provided that when such Hospital shall be improved for that Purpose, the Town shall

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shall mark off the Ground round said Hospital, at a Distance not less than Two Hundred Yards every Way therefrom, and set and maintain a sufficient Guard, to prevent all Persons in the Hospital from going beyond those Limits, and all Persons without, from passing within One Hundred Yards of them, without the Permission of the Directors of the Hospital, upon the Penalty of forfeiting and paying as a Fine, into the General-Treasury, *One Hundred Pounds Lawful Money*, to be recovered of the Town-Treasurer of such Town, by the General-Treasurer, at any Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the Colony.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person passing the said Limits, without Permission as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay as a Fine *Fifteen Pounds Lawful Money*, to and for the Use of such Town, to be recovered by the Town-Treasurer, at a special Court, to be called and holden in the same Manner as special Courts are called and held in other Cases; and shall also suffer Three Months Imprisonment, without Bail or Mainprize.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall be the Duty of the said Guard, and they are hereby empowered, to apprehend and immediately commit to Gaol every Person who shall transgres with respect to the said Limits, there to remain until he shall be acquitted, or the Sentence passed upon him be executed; unless such Transgressor shall be under Inoculation, in which case he shall be carefully kept within the said Limits until he shall be recovered and cleansed, and then be committed to Gaol as aforesaid.

AND it is further Enacted, That if any Person, being so inoculated, shall after his Recovery from the Small-Pox go beyond the said Limits, without a Certificate of his being thoroughly cleansed therefrom, together with the wearing Apparel he shall carry out with him, he shall, in Default thereof, be liable to the Penalty of *Thirty Pounds Lawful Money*, to be recovered in Manner as above directed. And if any Person having such Certificate, shall by himself, or by Means of the Apparel he may carry out with him, communicate the Small-

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Small-Pox to any Person without the Hospital, the Doctor or Physician of such Hospital shall be liable to the Penalty of *Thirty Pounds* Lawful Money, to be recovered in Manner as above directed.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person shall carry out from the Hospital, where he may be inoculated, any Bedding or other Articles, Linen Sheets and his wearing Apparel as aforesaid excepted; and that every Article which he shall carry out shall be particularly enumerated in the Certificate from the Doctor or Physician of such Hospital, under the Penalty of *Thirty Pounds* Lawful Money, to be recovered of such inoculated Person so offending in Manner as above directed.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any Town in which an Hospital shall be established as aforesaid, be and hereby is empowered to make such further Regulations, to prevent communicating the Infection from the Hospital in such Town, and to lay such Fines and Penalties upon the Offenders as they shall think proper: And that all A&ts made by such Town in that Behalf shall be of the same Force and Validity as if enacted by this General Assembly.



Protest against the Act permitting Inoculation. THE Subscribers protest against this Bill's passing into an Act, for the following Reasons, *to wit*:

FIRST, For that although we urged, that in a case of such vast Importance as intimately affects the Lives, Safety, and Well-being of the Community, the Consent and Approbation of our respective Constituents ought to have been first had and obtained, yet this Motion hath been rejected.

SECONDLY, For that an Act of this Kind hath not been suffered to continue but for a short Time in any of the New-England Colonies; and that where it hath been permitted or winked at, it is now entirely discontinued, and discountenanced.

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THIRDLY, For that there is in this A^ct no Provision made for the Poor, who are by far the much more numerous Part of the Community.

JOHN G. WANTON,	BENJAMIN UNDERWOOD,
JOSHUA BABCOCK,	THOMAS WELLS,
JOHN NORTHUP,	SYLVESTER GARDNER,
JOSHUA BARKER,	EDWARD SANDS, jun.
THOMAS FREEBODY,	JOHN THURSTON,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. John Waterman ^{J. Waterman} be and he is hereby appointed and empowered to agree ^{to employ a Person in the} with some suitable Person, upon the best Terms he can, Colony's to work in the Powder-Mill belonging to the Colony. Powder-Mill.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the De- Committee to puty-Governor, William Potter, George Sears, Jonathan Arnold, William Greene and Henry Ward, Esquires, be in the Brigade and they are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire respecting into the Circumstances of the Uneasiness, subsisting Major Bartons among a Number of the Officers of the Colony's Brigade, stationed upon Rhode-Island, respecting Major Barton; and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

IN Pursuance of the Recommendation of the Most Honorable the Continental Congress, *Resolved*, That taken of the Number of an Account be immediately taken of the Number of Inhabitants in the Inhabitants in each Town in this Colony: That the Colony. the Persons whose Names are set down in the subsequent List be and they are hereby appointed a Committee for that Purpose, *to wit*:

Newport. Messieurs George Sears, William Coddington, and Gideon Wanton.

Providence. Messieurs Martin Seamans and Theodore Foster.

Portsmouth. Mr. John Coddington.

Warwick. Mr. Charles Holden.

Westerly. Messieurs Ichabod Babcock and Joseph Crandall.

New-Shoreham. Mr. Edward Sands, jun.

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North-Kingstown. Mr. Joseph Coggeshall.
South-Kingstown. Mr. Daniel Rodman.
East-Greenwich. Mr. Thomas Sheffield.
Jamestown. Mr. Benjamin Underwood.
Smithfield. Mr. Daniel Mowry, jun.
Scituate. Mr. Christopher Potter, or Mr. William West.
Gloucester. Mr. Zebedee Hopkins, jun.
Charlestown. Mr. Jonathan Hazard.
West-Greenwich. Mr. Judiah Aylsworth.
Coventry. Mr. Ephraim Westcot.
Exeter. Mr. George Pierce.
Middletown. Mr. John Barker.
Bristol. Mr. Shearjašhub Bourn.
Tiverton. Messieurs John Cooke and Walter Cooke.
Little-Compton. Mr. Thomas Brownell.
Warren. Mr. William Miller.
Cumberland. Mr. John Dexter.
Richmond. Mr. Richard Bailey.
Cranston. Mr. Zuriel Waterman.
Hopkinton. Mr. Thomas Wells.
Johnston. Mr. John Fenner.
North-Providence. Mr. Jonathan Jenckes, jun. And,
Barrington. Mr. Thomas Allen.

THAT they take the Account in the same Manner as the Inhabitants of this Colony were last numbered: That they be under Engagement for the faithful Discharge of the Trust reposed in them, and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

*Act restraining
the In-
habitants of
New-Shore-
ham.*

THIS Assembly deplored the unhappy Situation of the Inhabitants of New-Shoreham, and willing to give them every Relief in their Power; and being also necessitated to provide for the general Safety, *Do Resolve*, in Addition to and Amendment of the Act passed at the last Session respecting the said Island, That the Committee appointed in the said Act may permit such of the Inhabitants of the said Island as they can confide in, to go to Pawcatuck River, to procure at the Mills there such a Quantity of Meal as shall be necessary for the Inhabitants of the said Island; they

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they taking the same and other Necessaries on board under the Direction and with the written Permission of *George Sheffield* and *Phinehas Clarke*, or either of them, who are hereby directed to transmit to the said Committee an Account of all the Articles so taken on board for the said Island: That the said Committee be empowered to permit such Inhabitants of the said Island as they can confide in, to proceed to any Part of the Colony, to transact the necessary Business of the Island; and that no other Person belonging to the said Island, besides the Deputies, shall go to any other Part of the Colony, excepting to *Goat-Island*, in the Township of *Newport*, upon the Penalty of being committed to Gaol, as in the aforesaid Act is directed.

James Honeyman, Esq; Advocate-General of the *J. Honeyman* Court of Vice-Admiralty in this Colony, under the ^{to deliver up} ^{his Com-} Crown of Great-Britain, having appeared before and ^{mission as Ad-} informed this Assembly, that if his holding the said ^{vocate-Ge-} Office be disagreeable to the Colony, he will deliver up ^{ral of the} ^{Court of Vice-} his Commission: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That his ^{Admiralty.} holding the same is disagreeable to the Colony; and that the Sheriff of the County of *Newport* call upon the said *James Honeyman* to receive the said Commission, and that he deliver it to his Honor the Governor, to be lodged in the Secretary's Office.

WHEREAS *John Jepson*, Esq; and Mr. *Joshua Barker*, ^{Report of the} who were at the last Session appointed a Committee to ^{Committee} divide the Line of Fence between the Lands of *Tho-* ^{appointed to} ^{settle the} *mas Coggeshall*, of *Middletown*, and the Estate lately ^{Maintenance} belonging to *George Rome*, lying in said Town, taken ^{of the Fence} into Possession of the Colony, and to determine what ^{between T.} Part of the said Fence shall be maintained by the Co- ^{Coggeshall's} ^{Farm, and} lony, &c. having performed the said Business, pre- ^{that lately} sented unto this Assembly their Report, which is as ^{belonging to} follows, *to wit*: ^{G. Rome,}

MEMORANDUM of a Division in the Line of Fence between the Farm of *Thomas Coggeshall*, and a certain Piece of Meadow Land that *George Rome* purchased of *Gideon Coggeshall*, and is now in Possession of *William Wilbur*,

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Wilbur, under the Government, that is to say: The said *Thomas Coggeshall* shall maintain Twenty-seven Rods, beginning at the Road, and extending Southward to a certain Mark in the Wall; and the said *William Wilbur*, or the Government, shall maintain the Remainder, which is Thirty-five Rods, and extends to Land of *William Stoddard*, now in the Possession of *Thomas Weaver* (Son of *Clement*.) Divided this 25th Day of *May*, A. D. 1776, according to an Act of Government, by us,

JOHN JEPSON,
JOSHUA BARKER.

MEMORANDUM of a Division in the Line of Fence between the Farm formerly belonging to *George Rome*, and now in the Possession of *William Wilbur*, under the Government, and the Farm of *Thomas Coggeshall*, that is to say: The said *Thomas Coggeshall* shall maintain Seventy-five Rods, beginning at the Head of *Jonathan Coggeshall's Meadow*, and extending Westward to a certain Mark in the Wall; and the said *William Wilbur*, or the Government, shall maintain Seventy-five Rods, beginning at the above mentioned Mark in the Wall, and extending Westward as far as high Water Mark; and the Water-Fence shall be maintained equally between both Parties. Divided this 25th Day of *May*, A. D. 1776, by us, according to an Act of Government.

JOHN JEPSON,
JOSHUA BARKER.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and the same is hereby accepted.

Allowance to
J. Coon, for
taking Care
of *A. Coon*, a
Soldier.

WHEREAS Capt. *John Coon*, of *Hopkinton*, represented unto this Assembly, that at the Request of Capt. *Ethan Clarke* he took into his Care *Arnold Coon*, a sick Soldier, in the said *Ethan Clarke's Company*, and provided him with Physicians, Nurses, &c. until he died; and prayed this Assembly to make him an Allowance therefor: *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due

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due Consideration of the Matter, That there be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to the said *John Coon*, the same monthly Wages as are allowed to Soldiers in the Service of this Colony, from the Time the said *Arnold Coon* was taken sick, unto the last Day of December last.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all the Salt belonging to the Colony be divided among the several Towns, in Proportion to the Number of Polls in each Town, which is to be ascertained by the Account of the Number of Inhabitants in the Colony, at this Session ordered to be taken ; that the same be delivered by Messieurs *John Smith, William Greene, John Northup, Joseph Stanton, jun. and Sylvester Child* ; that each Town be at the Cost of transporting its Proportion ; and that it be disposed of at the Discretion of each Town, at the Rate of Six Skillings per Bushel, for Cash only, by such Persons as the Town shall appoint.

The Colony's
Salt propor-
tioned to the
several
Towns,

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That each Town may immediately receive the following Quantity, in Part of its said Proportion, *to wit* :

<i>Newport,</i>	200 Bushels,
<i>Providence,</i>	100
<i>Portsmouth,</i>	50
<i>Warwick,</i>	100
<i>Westerly,</i>	100
<i>New-Shoreham,</i>	30
<i>North-Kingstown,</i>	100
<i>South-Kingstown,</i>	150
<i>East-Greenwich,</i>	100
<i>Jamestown,</i>	30
<i>Smitfield,</i>	150
<i>Scituate,</i>	150
<i>Gloucester,</i>	120
<i>Charlestown,</i>	60
<i>West-Greenwich,</i>	80
<i>Coventry,</i>	80
<i>Exeter,</i>	50
<i>Middletown,</i>	40
<i>Bristol,</i>	50
<i>Tiverton,</i>	60

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<i>Little-Compton,</i>	50 Bushels.
<i>Warren,</i>	50
<i>Cumberland,</i>	60
<i>Richmond,</i>	50
<i>Cranston,</i>	100
<i>Hopkinton,</i>	80
<i>Johnston,</i>	50
<i>North-Providence,</i>	20
<i>Barrington,</i>	25

J. Jepson and J. Barker al- lowed £ 1 4s. WHEREAS John Jepson, Esq; and Mr. Joshua Barker, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for their Service in running two dividing Lines of Fence, between the Land lately belonging to George Rome, and the Land of Thomas Coggeshall; and for having their Report recorded: It is Voted and Resolved, upon due Examination of the said Account, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that One Pound Four Shillings Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said John Jepson and Joshua Barker, out of the General-Treasury.

Petition of J. Cagwine and others referred to the Committee of Safety.

WHEREAS James Cagwine, Benjamin Daly, and Daniel Eldred, by Petition represented unto this Assembly, that they were Soldiers in Capt. Christopher Smith's Company, in the Service of this Colony, and served upon Block-Island, under Lieut. Sweet; and that they have not been paid the whole of their Wages, and prayed this Assembly to order Payment of the Wages still due to them: It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the Committee of Safety, for the County of Kent, make Enquiry into the Truth of the Matters set forth in the said Petition, and pay the above named James Cagwine, Benjamin Daley, and Daniel Eldred, the Sums that shall appear to be due to them; making Report to this Assembly before Payment.

J. Coddington allowed £ 6.

WHEREAS Mr. John Coddington exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for a Cedar Boat, by him supplied for the Service of the Colony: It is Voted and Resolved, upon due

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due Consideration of the said Account, That ~~Six~~
Pounds thereof, and no more, be allowed and paid the
said John Coddington, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. John Goddard exhibited unto this ~~J. Goddard~~
Assembly six several Accounts, by him charged against ^{allowed £ 4}
the Colony, for the Transportation by Water of se-
veral Detachments of the Colony's Brigade, from
and to different Places at divers Times, and the
Use made of and Damage done to his Boat by the
said Brigade: *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Ex-
amination, That *Four Pounds Thirteen Shillings and*
Eightpence Halfpenny be allowed and paid the said
John Goddard, out of the General-Treasury; which
shall be in full Satisfaction for the said six Accounts.

WHEREAS Mr. Nathaniel Waldron exhibited unto ~~N. Waldron~~
this Assembly an Account, by him charged against ^{allowed £ 1}
the Colony, for billeting a Company of Soldiers be-^{19 s. 10 d.}
longing to the Colony's Brigade, &c. *It is Voted*
and Resolved, upon due Examination of the said Ac-
count, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and
that *One Pound Nineteen Shillings and Tenpence Law-*
ful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the
said Nathaniel Waldron, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. Jonathan Peck exhibited unto this ~~J. Peck at~~
Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Co- ^{lowed £ 1}
lony, for Plank furnished by him for the Plat-^{12 s.}
forms in the Fort at Bristol Ferry: *It is Voted and*
Resolved, upon due Examination, That the said Ac-
count be allowed; and that *One Pound Twelve Shillings*,
being the Amount thereof, be paid the said Jonathan
Peck, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. James Smith exhibited unto this Af- ~~J. Smith al-~~
bly an Account, by him charged against the Colo- ^{lowed £ 2}
ny, for Timber supplied by him for the Platforms ^{4 s. 4 d. ½}
in the Fort at Bristol Ferry: *It is Voted and Re-*
solved, upon due Examination of the said Account,
That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that
Two Pounds Four Shillings and Fourpence Halfpenny
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Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *James Smith*, out of the General-Treasury.

J. West allowed 7s.

WHEREAS Mr. *John West* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Plank by him provided for the Platforms in the Fort at *Bristol Ferry*, and carting the same : *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Examination thereof, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Seven Shillings*, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John West*, out of the General-Treasury.

*S. Smith allowed £ 1
12 s. 8 d. $\frac{1}{4}$*

WHEREAS Mr. *Stephen Smith* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Plank and Timber by him provided for the Platforms in the Fort at *Bristol Ferry* : *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Examination of the said Account, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *One Pound Twelve Shillings and Eightpence One Farthing* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Stephen Smith*, out of the General-Treasury.

*P. Tew allowed £ 22
1 s. 9 d.*

WHEREAS *Paul Tew*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Attendance upon the General Assembly, and the Superior and Inferior Courts in the County aforesaid, for Wood provided for the Court-House, for Cash paid by him for cleaning and sanding the said Court-House, &c. *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Examination, That *Twenty-two Pounds One Shilling and Ninepence* Lawful Money be allowed, and paid to the said *Paul Tew*, out of the General-Treasury, which shall be in full Satisfaction for the same.

C. Child allowed £ 217 2s

WHEREAS Mr. *Cromel Child* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for making Twenty-one Carriages for Cannon, for the Colony, and his Time and Expences in going to *Providence*, to send the Cannon to *Warren* : *It*

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It is Voted and Resolved, upon due Examination thereof, That the said Account be and hereby is allowed ; and that Two Hundred and Seventeen Pounds Two Shillings Lawful Money, being the Amount of the same, be paid the said Cromel Child, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS James Arnold, jun. Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Materials provided for and laying a Platform in the Battery upon Long-Neck, in Cranston, for building a Watch-House there, and for making Field-Carriages for two Eighteen Pounders, and one other Cannon : *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Examination of the said Account, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that Seventy-five Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Twopence Lawful Money, being the Balance due thereon, be paid the said James Arnold, jun. out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. John Mumford exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Provisions for Capt. Barton's Company, in the Regiment under the Command of Col. Richmond ; and for the Hire of his Horse divers Times for the Use of the said Company : *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Examination of the said Account, That Two Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Tenpence Lawful Money be allowed and paid the said John Mumford, out of the General-Treasury ; which shall be in full Satisfaction for the same.

WHEREAS Mr. Caleb Carr exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Wood and Provisions supplied Capt. Throop's Company, in Col. Richmond's Regiment : *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Examination of the said Account, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that Four Pounds Five Shillings and Sixpence Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said Caleb Carr, out of the General-Treasury.

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J. Marsh al-
lowed £ 3
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WHEREAS Mr. James Marsh exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Freight of Powder, intrenching Tools, &c. for the Colony's Brigade, stationed upon Rhode-Island, and for the Passage of Col. Babcock and his Guard from Newport to Providence : It is Voted and Resolved, upon due Examination of the said Account, That the same be allowed ; and that *Three Pounds Five Shillings* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said James Marsh, out of the General-Treasury.

A. D. Wolfe
allowed £ 1
11 s. 3 d.

WHEREAS Mr. Anthony De Wolfe exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Plank and Timber by him supplied for the Fort at Bristol Ferry : It is Voted and Resolved, upon due Examination of the said Account, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *One Pound Eleven Shillings and Threepence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said Anthony De Wolfe, out of the General-Treasury.

W. Lindsey
allowed £ 4
9 s. 11 d.

WHEREAS Mr. William Lindsey exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Plank and Timber supplied for, and Work by him done upon the Fort at Bristol Ferry : It is Voted and Resolved, upon due Consideration of the said Account, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Four Pounds Nine Shillings and Elevenpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said William Lindsey, out of the General-Treasury.

W. Cole al-
lowed £ 1
11 s. 6 d.

MR. William Cole having exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for boarding and nursing a Soldier belonging to Col. Richmond's Regiment : It is Voted and Resolved, upon due Consideration of the said Account, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *One Pound Eleven Shillings and Sixpence* Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said William Cole, out of the General-Treasury.

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AN Account, charged by Mr. *Nathaniel Heath* ^{N. Heath} against the Colony, for boarding and nursing *Isaac Tyler*, a Soldier, belonging to Col. *Richmond's Regiment*, in his last Sickness, and for his Funeral Charges, having been presented to and duly examined by this Assembly : *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Three Pounds Seven Shillings Lawful Money* be allowed and paid the said *Nathaniel Heath*, out of the General-Treasury ; which shall be in full Satisfaction of the said Account.

AN Account, charged by Dr. *Samuel Allen* against *S. Allen al-* *Isaac Tyler*, in the foregoing Vote mentioned, for ^{lowed 19 6} _{4 d.} Medicines, and Attendance upon him in his last Illness, having been exhibited to and duly considered by this Assembly : *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Nineteen Shillings and Fourpence Lawful Money*, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Samuel Allen*, out of the General-Treasury.

AN Account, charged by Mr. *Simeon Munro* against *S. Munro al-* the Colony, for boarding and nursing *Robert Morrison*, ^{lowed £ 1} _{16 s.} a sick Soldier, in the Service of this Colony, having been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly : *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *One Pound Sixteen Shillings Lawful Money* be allowed, and paid out of the General-Treasury, to the said *Simeon Munro* ; which shall be in full Satisfaction for the said Account.

AN Account, charged by Mr. *Joshua Ingraham* ^{J. Ingraham} against the Colony, for the Rent of his House, Ware-^{house} allowed £ 5 house, and two Stores in *Bristol*, which were improved by the Colony's Troops, being laid before and duly examined by this Assembly : *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that *Five Pounds Lawful Money*, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Joshua Ingraham*, out of the General-Treasury.

AN Account, charged by Mr. *Gideon Northup* ^{G. Northup} against the Colony, for the Freight of Stock and Hay allowed £ 1 from ¹ _{4 1. 8 d. $\frac{1}{2}$}

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from Jamestown to the main Land, being laid before and duly considered by this Assembly : *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that One Pound Four Shillings and Eightpence Halfpenny Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said Gideon Nortup, out of the General-Treasury.

Lindsey and Wardwell al-
lowed £ 1
3 s. 10 d.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Lindsey* and *Wardwell* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for Work done upon the Platform of the Fort at *Bristol Ferry*, &c. Upon Consideration whereof, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be and hereby is allowed ; and that One Pound Eight Shillings and Tenpence, being the Amount of it, be paid the said *Lindsey* and *Wardwell*, out of the General-Treasury.

T. Sabin al-
lowed £ 18
84 s.

AN Account, charged by Mr. *Thomas Sabin* against the Colony, for the Board and Entertainment of the Indian Chiefs who were before this Assembly in January last, being exhibited to and duly considered by this Assembly : *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Eighteen Pounds Fourteen Shillings Lawful Money be allowed and paid to the said *Thomas Sabin*, out of the General-Treasury ; which shall be in full Satisfaction for the said Account.

J. Carter al-
lowed £ 30
4 s. 9 d.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Carter* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for printing Lawful Money Bills, divers A&ts of Assembly, Commissions, Proclamations, &c. *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Examination of the said Account, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that Thirty Pounds Four Shillings and Ninepence Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Carter*, out of the General-Treasury.

The Heirs of
S. Ward al-
lowed £ 272
7 d.

WHEREAS Capt. *Ethan Clarke*, Administrator to the Estate of the Hon. *Samuel Ward*, Esq; deceased, late a Delegate from this Colony in the General Congress, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged

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charged against the Colony, for the Services of the said *Samuel Ward*, in the said Capacity, from the 26th Day of *August* last, to the 26th Day of *March* last, being the Day of his Death, for the Wages of his Servant and Horse-hire, for his Expences in going to *Philadelphia*, and during his Abode there, and for the Charges of his last Sicknes and Funeral, amounting to *Three Hundred and Ninety-two Pounds and Sevenpence Lawful Money*; and deducted therefrom the Sum of *One Hundred and Twenty Pounds*, received by the said *Samuel Ward* from the Colony: *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Examination of the said Account, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Two Hundred and Seventy-two Pounds and Sevenpence Lawful Money*, being the Balance thereof, be paid to the said *Ethan Clarke*, as Administrator to the said Estate, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS it appears to this Assembly, by a Report *J. Banister* of the Committee appointed to estimate the Damages *allowed £ 80* done to the Estate of Mr. *John Banister*, by the Colony Troops stationed in his House, that they have made considerable Waste and Destruction; and this Assembly being desirous of making a reasonable Allowance therefor, but not being satisfied with the said Report, *Do Vote and Resolve, and it is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Eighty Pounds Lawful Money* be paid to the said *John Banister*, out of the General-Treasury, towards the Damages he hath sustained as aforesaid.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Henry Peckham*, Committee to for the County of *Newport*, Mr. *Thomas Greene*, for enquire into the County of *Providence*, Mr. *Pardon Tillinghast*, for the Damages done by the the County of *King's County*, Mr. *Benjamin Bosworth*, Troops in for the County of *Bristol*, and Mr. *Thomas Tillinghast*, the Colony's for the County of *Kent*, or the major Part of them, be Service, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire into the Damages done within this Colony, by the Troops in the Service of the Colony, before the Act was made directing who should be answerable for such Damages; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

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T. Waterhouse allowed £ 18 s. 7 d. $\frac{1}{4}$

AN Account, charged by Mr. *Timothy Waterhouse* against the Colony, for repairing a Number of Chairs for the Court-House in *Newport*, having been laid before and duly considered by this Assembly: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Eighteen Shillings and Sevenpence One Farthing Lawful Money*, being the Amount thereof, be paid to the said *Timothy Waterhouse*, out of the General-Treasury.

Committee to audit the Accounts of the Committee of Safety, and the Commissary.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *Nathaniel Mumford, Thomas Greene, and Gideon Mumford*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Committee of Safety, and of the Commissary of the Colony's Brigade; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

J. Northup allowed £ 5 7 s. 4 d.

AN Estimate of the Damages done to a House in *Newport*, belonging to *John Northup, Esq;* by the Soldiers of the Colony's Brigade, having been laid before and duly considered by this Assembly: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Five Pounds Seven Shillings and Fourpence Lawful Money*, being the Sum they were estimated at, be allowed therefor, and paid the said *John Northup*, out of the General-Treasury.

J. G. Wanton, C. Lippitt, and W. Ellery, allowed £ 2 14 s.

WHEREAS Messieurs *John G. Wanton, Christopher Lippitt, and William Ellery*, who were appointed a Committee to estimate the Damage done, by the Troops in the Colony's Service, to the Estate of Mr. *John Banister*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for performing the said Service: *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Examination of the said Account, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Two Pounds Fourteen Shillings Lawful Money*, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John G. Wanton, Christopher Lippitt, and William Ellery*, out of the General-Treasury.

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An ACT empowering the Members of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly to tender, to such of the Inhabitants as are herein after mentioned, a Declaration or Test for Subscription.

WHEREAS the great Danger to which this Test-AE.
Colony is exposed, makes it necessary to use every Measure for detecting those Persons among us who are inimical to the United Colonies, and preventing their doing Injury to the common Cause :

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That all the male Inhabitants of this Colony, of Sixteen Years of Age and upwards, who shall be suspected of being inimical to the United American Colonies, and the arduous Struggle in which they are engaged, against the Force of Great-Britain, shall make and subscribe the following Declaration or Test, to wit :

" I THE Subscriber do solemnly and sincerely declare,
" That I believe the War, Resistance, and Opposition,
" in which the United American Colonies are now engaged, against the Fleets and Armies of Great-Britain,
" is on the Part of the said Colonies just and necessary:
" And that I will not, directly nor indirectly, afford Assistance of any Sort or Kind whatever to the said Fleets
" and Armies, during the Continuance of the present War;
" but that I will heartily assist in the Defence of the
" United Colonies."

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any such suspected Person shall refuse to subscribe the same, it shall be in the Power of either of the Members of the Upper or Lower House of Assembly, in this Colony, and they are hereby directed, to issue a Summon, and call the Person so refusing before him, and make Enquiry into the Reasons of his Refusal : And if he shall continue such Refusal,
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without giving satisfactory Reasons for the same to the Member summoning him, or shall refuse to appear upon being summoned, such Member shall issue his Warrant, directed to the Sheriff of the County where the Person so refusing shall dwell, or his Deputy, commanding him with sufficient Aid to make strict and diligent Search for all Arms, Ammunition and warlike Stores, belonging to such Persons so refusing, and to take and deliver the same to the Captain of the Company of Militia in whose District the Delinquent shall live, to be made Use of in Time of an Alarm, taking a Receipt of the Captain therefor; which Arms, Ammunition and warlike Stores, shall be appraised by two indifferent Persons, to be appointed by such Member so issuing the Summons, and be paid for out of the General-Treasury: And that such Member, so summoning any suspected Person, shall make Return of all his Proceedings, in Pursuance of this Act, to the General Assembly, at the next succeeding Session after his issuing any Summons.

PROVIDED nevertheless, and it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any Person so summoned shall produce a Certificate from the Clerk of any Meeting of the Friends, that he is in Unity with that Society, or shall take the Affirmation directed in an Act intituled, "An Act for the Relief of Persons of tender Consciences, and for preventing their being burthened with military Duty," he shall be excused from subscribing the said Declaration or Test.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a Copy of this Act be inserted in the next Newport Mercury and Providence Gazette.



Guns, &c. *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That Mr. John Smith be to be returned and he is hereby directed to deliver to Mr. Ephraim Westcot Four Guns, Bayonets and Cartouch-Boxes, Greene and others. for the same Articles which are due from the Colony to

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to Messieurs Job Greene, Nathan Franklin, Uriah Franklin, and Peleg Colvin, taking the said Westcot's Receipt therefor.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Thanks of this General Assembly be and they are hereby presented to John Collins, Esq; for his Services at the Continental Congress; and that his Expences to, at and from Philadelphia, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee of Safety for the County of Newport purchase Two Hundred Spears, for the Batteries in the Township of Newport.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to prosecute Mr. Silas Casey, for a Breach of Contract, in not delivering a Quantity of Salt purchased of him by the Colony.

WHEREAS the Militia of the Town of Exeter is so numerous as to be sufficient for Three Companies: It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the same be divided into Three Companies: That all the Persons living to the Eastward of Second River, so called, where it comes out of West-Greenwich, running through the Land of John Joffelyn, until it comes to John Chapman's Grist-Mill; and from thence Southerly, as it runs, until it comes to South-Kingstown, shall compose the First Company: That the Persons living to the Westward of the said Line, and to the Eastward of a Line beginning at the Highway that comes from News-Neck, so called, and running from thence Southerly, as the said Highway runs, across Black-Plain, to the Ten Rod Highway; and from thence Southerly, as the said Highway runs, until it comes to the Town of Richmond, shall compose the Second Company; and that the Persons living to the Westward of the said last mentioned Line, shall compose the Third Company.

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*J. Crandall's
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ferred to a
Committee,*

MR. Joseph Crandall having by Petition represented to this Assembly, That he is Proprietor of a Dwelling-House and Half a Lot of Land, situate in Newport, which Dwelling-House is enclosed in the Fort now erected there; and prayed that Allowance might be made him for the same: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs Samuel Fowler and Gideon Wanton be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire into the Matters set forth in the said Petition; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

*Suspected
Persons to be
removed
from New-
port.*

WHEREAS Messieurs Richard Beale, John Nicoll, Nicholas Lechmere, Thomas Vernon, and Walter Chaloner, having been examined before this Assembly, and refused to subscribe the Test, ordered by this Assembly to be tendered to suspected Persons; and it appearing that while they continue in the Principles by them avowed before this Assembly, they are justly to be deemed unfriendly to the United Colonies: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of Newport forthwith remove the said Richard Beale, John Nicoll, Nicholas Lechmere, and Thomas Vernon, to the Town of Gloucester, in this Colony, where they shall be permitted to go at large within the Limits of said Town, they giving their Parole of Honor to continue there until further Orders from this Assembly: That if either of them shall forfeit his Parole, he shall, upon being apprehended, be committed to Gaol, and kept closely confined until further Orders from this Assembly: And that in case either of them shall refuse to give his Parole as aforesaid, he shall be confined to such House, in the said Town of Gloucester, as the said Sheriff shall think fit, with Liberty of the Farm whereon the House stands. And whereas the said Sheriff hath in his Hands several Executions against the said Walter Chaloner, which are soon returnable, and upon which he is now in the Custody of the said Sheriff: *It is therefore further Voted and Resolved*, That as soon as the said Walter Chaloner shall be discharged from the said Executions, the said Sheriff immediately remove him to the said Town of Gloucester,

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Gloucester, in Manner as the said *Richard Beale* and others are ordered to be removed, and under the like Conditions and Restrictions.

An Account, charged by Mr. *Samuel Anthony* against *S. Anthony*, the Colony, for his Horse-hire, Time and Expences, allowed £ 4 in going Express upon public Business from *Newport* ^{1s.} to *Dartmouth*, and from *Newport* to *Providence*, having been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly : *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Four Pounds One Shilling* Lawful Money be allowed and paid the said *Samuel Anthony*, out of the General-Treasury ; which shall be in full Satisfaction of the said Account.

An Account, charged by Messieurs *William Dillingham* and *Fleet Greene* against the Colony, for a large Cedar Boat, taken by General *Hopkins* for the Use of the Colony, having been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly : *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Eight Pounds* Lawful Money be allowed and paid the said *William Dillingham* and *Fleet Greene*, out of the General-Treasury ; which shall be in full Compensation for the said Boat.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That a Boat belonging to *G. Wightman*, now in Possession of the Colony, be delivered to his Wife, to be improved by her, for the Support of herself and Family.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That this Colony do purchase of Col. *Joseph Noyes* all the Salt that he hath to dispose of ; and that he be allowed and paid therefor at the Rate of *Four Shillings per Bushel*.

MR. *Thomas Crandall* having by Petition represented *T. Crandall's* unto this Assembly, that he is Proprietor of a Dwelling-House and Lot of Land, situate in *Newport*, which Dwelling-House is now occupied by the Troops in the Service of this Colony, and prayed an Allowance for the same : *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *Samuel Fowler* and *Gideon Wanton* be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire into

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into the Matters set forth in said Petition; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

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Iew N. Bowen be and he is hereby empowered to agree with Mr. for his Scow, *Nathan Bowen*, for the Value of the Damages done his Scow, while in the Service of the Colony.

Report upon WHEREAS Messieurs Nathaniel Mumford and Thomas N. Miller's Greene, two of the Committee appointed to audit the Accounts. Accounts of Nathan Miller, Esq; Commissary of the Colony's Brigade, presented unto this Assembly the Accounts of the said Nathan Miller, and the following State thereof, to wit:

Dr. Nathan Miller, Esq; Commissary, his Account Current with the Colony of Rhode-Island.

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June 13. To Amount of Cash you received of the General-Treasurer, as per his Certificate,	} £ 14823 10 1
To Amount of sundry Deductions,	23 12 5
To Amount of 12,627 lb. of Hides, at 3 d.	} £ 157 16 9
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	£ 15004 19 3

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June 13. By Amount of your Account on the other Side,	} £ 12788 2 0
By short charged in Rum, May 24th,	2 0 0
By your Commissions on £ 12764 10 7, at 1 per Cent.	} 127 12 10
Balance due to the Colony,	2087 4 5
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	£ 15004 19 3

Newport, June 13, 1776.

Errors excepted,

Per NATHAN MILLER.

Newport, June 13, 1776. This Day finished settling the above Accounts as stated.

NATHANIEL MUMFORD,
 THOMAS GREENE.

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N. B. Mr. Nathan Miller is to account with the Colony, for the Tallow he hath taken from the Beef belonging to the Colony.

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AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be and the same is hereby accepted.

CAPT. Samuel Carr having supplied the Colony's Powder, &c. Troops at Jamestown with Twenty-nine Pounds and ^{to be repaid} Two Ounces of Gunpowder, and Eighty-four Musket ^{S. Carr,} Balls : *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be repaid the said Samuel Carr, out of the Colony's Stock.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee of Safety be and they are hereby directed to purchase every necessary Article for the Soldiers, Provisions excepted, and deliver the same to the Commissary, who shall supply the Soldiers with them at the prime Cost, including the Charges : And that a Bale of Cloaths, now in the Possession of Mr. John Smith, be immediately forwarded to the Commissary for the aforesaid Purpose.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby requested to inform the Delegates from this Colony in Congress, of the Act permitting Inoculation for the Small-Pox in this Colony, and desire them to move in Congress, as a Matter of real Importance to the Safety of the Army and the United Colonies, that all common Soldiers and Seamen, in the Continental Service, or who shall hereafter engage therein, be permitted to be inoculated at the Expence of the United Colonies, in such Hospitals as may be allowed, under such Restrictions and Rules as are or may be enacted by the respective Colonies.

AN Account, charged by Messieurs Jonathan Jeffers, S: Brown, and Samuel Simpson, for cleansing the Court-House in Newport, and cutting Wood for the ^{J. Jeffers, S: Brown, and S. Simpson, allowed £2} the ^{£2}.

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the same, from June 1775 to this Time, having been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly : *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that Two Pounds Eight Shillings Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said Jonathan Jeffers, Samuel Brown, and Samuel Simpson, out of the General-Treasury.

N. Mumford allowed £ 15 15 s. 4 d. WHEREAS Mr. Nathaniel Mumford exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Services and Expences, as one of a Committee in settling the Accounts of several Members of the Committee of War, of the Commissary of the Colony's Brigade, and divers other Accounts : *It is Voted and Resolved*, upon due Examination thereof, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that Fifteen Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Fourpence Lawful Money, being the Amount of the said Account, be paid the said Nathaniel Mumford, out of the General-Treasury.

J. Jeffers and B. Wilbur allowed 17 s. AN Account, charged by Messieurs Jonathan Jeffers and Benjamin Wilbur against the Colony, for mending the Windows of the Court-House in Newport, having been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that Seventeen Shillings Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said Jonathan Jeffers and Benjamin Wilbur, out of the General-Treasury.

G. Mumford allowed £ 10 4 s. AN Account, charged against the Colony by Gideon Mumford, Esq; for his Services and Expences, as one of a Committee, in settling the Accounts of several Members of the Committee of War, of the Commissary of the Colony's Brigade, and divers other Accounts : *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be and hereby is allowed ; and that Ten Pounds Four Shillings Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said Gideon Mumford, out of the General-Treasury.

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs John G. Committee
Wanton, Samuel Fowler, and John Bartlet, be and they
are hereby appointed a Committee, to procure upon
the best Terms they can a suitable House, to be used
as an Hospital for the Colony Troops, stationed upon
Rhode-Island; and that the Sick be immediately re-
moved from the present Hospital, and the House be
cleansed.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Daniel Mowry, jun. D. Mowry,
Esq; be and he is hereby appointed to proceed im- jun. to make
mediately to the County of Providence, and make dili- Enquiry after
gent Enquiry after the Persons concerned in counter- Persons who
feiting the Bills of Credit emitted by this Colony : have counter-
feited Money.
That he take with him the counterfeit Bill now before
this Assembly ; and that Capt. Joseph Manchester attend
this Assembly, to give Information of what he knows
respecting the said counterfeit Bill.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. John Smith be J. Smith to
and he is hereby appointed and empowered to dispose sell the Co-
of, at public Vendue, the Claret in his Possession be- lony's Claret,
longing to the Colony ; and that he give Notice of
the Time of Sale in the Newport Mercury and Provi-
dence Gazette.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Two Tons of Gun-Powder or
powder be delivered out of the Colony's Store to dered to New-
Major Robert Elliott, for the Use of the Brigade port.
stationed upon Rhode-Island.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Col. Henry Babcock Allowance to
be and he is hereby allowed One Month's Pay, after Col. Babcock.
the Time he was dismissed from the Command of the
Regiment in the Service of this Colony ; during
which Time he was confined by the Pleurisy, with
which he was seized while in the Service.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. Nathan Mil- N. Millar to
ler, Commissary of the Colony's Brigade, forthwith pay £ 1000
pay into the General-Treasury One Thousand Pounds into the Ge-
Lawful Money, it being Part of the Sum by him neral-Trea-
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Wood for the Troops. taken out of the General-Treasury, to purchase Necessaries for the said Brigade, and now in his Hands undisposed of.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Commissary of the Colony's Brigade purchase Wood therefor, as heretofore.



An **A C T** regulating Trade within this Colony, and establishing proper Offices for entering and clearing Vessels and Merchandize.

*Act for regu-
lating Trade,
&c.*

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That any Goods, Wares and Merchandize, other than shaken or knocked down Casks for Melasses, may be exported from this Colony, by the Inhabitants thereof, and of the other United Colonies, and by the People of all such Countries as are not subject to the King of Great-Britain, to any Parts of the World which are not under the Dominion of the said King : Provided that no Vessel be permitted to export any greater Number of shaken or knocked down Melasses Casks than the same Vessel is capable of carrying when filled.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any Goods, Wares and Merchandize, except such as are of the Growth and Manufacture of, or brought from any Country under the Dominion of the King of Great-Britain, and except East-India Tea, may be imported from any other Parts of the World into this Colony, by the Inhabitants thereof, and of the other United Colonies, and by the People of all such Countries as are not subject to the said King.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be two Persons annually appointed by this General Assembly as Intendants of Trade,

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Trade, who shall be under Oath for the faithful Execution of their Offices; one of whom shall reside in and keep his Office at *Newport*, and the other shall reside in and keep his Office at *Providence*, and shall each of them be empowered to appoint a Deputy: That it shall be the Duty and Business of the said Intendants to take a Bond, payable to the Governor and Company of this Colony, to and for the Use of the Colony, from the Master of every Vessel cleared out at their respective Offices, with one sufficient Surety, in double the Value of the Cargo shipped on board such Vessel, conditioned for the true Observance of the Regulations made by the Most Honorable the Continental Congress, and this General Assembly, concerning Trade, and for securing the Observance of such Parts of the Association as are not inconsistent therewith; and that the Obligeor shall, within Eighteen Months after the Departure of the Vessel, produce to such Intendant a Certificate from the proper Officers, at the Port or Place where the Cargo shall be delivered (provided it be within the United Colonies, and proper Officers are appointed) or otherwise under the Hands and Seals of three or more respectable Merchants, residing there, that the same was there unladed: That the said Intendants shall also take Manifests upon Oath of the Cargoes exported and imported, and keep fair Accounts and Entries thereof, give Bills of Health when desired, grant Registers, shewing the Property of the Vessel cleared out (which Registers shall be also given under the Hand and Seal of the Governor of this Colony for the Time being) and sign Certificates that the Requisites for qualifying Vessels for Trade have been complied with: And that the said Intendants shall make Return to the General Assembly, at every Session, of all Imports and Exports.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
That if any Vessel coming into this Colony shall break Bulk, before Report of her Cargo, and whence she came, be made to one of the said Intendants, the said Vessel and her Cargo, or such Part thereof as the

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General Assembly shall, upon considering the Case, think fit, shall be forfeited, one Half to the Use of the Colony, and the other Half to the Use of the Informer and Prosecutor for the same: And that if the Master of any Vessel shall be convicted of having taken a false Oath before either of the said Intendants, he shall suffer the Pains and Penalties of Perjury.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
That all Prosecutions and Trials, for any Offences against the Regulations aforesaid, shall be commenced and had before the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, in the County where such Offence shall be committed; and that no Prosecution upon any of the Bonds given as aforesaid, shall be commenced after the Expiration of Three Years from the Date thereof.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
That the said Intendants shall give constant and regular Attendance in their respective Offices every Day in the Year, Sundays excepted, from Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, until One in the Afternoon; and shall be allowed and receive the same Fees for the same, and similar Duty, as by a Law of this Colony were allowed to the late Collector of the Customs in this Colony, until a proper Table of Fees shall be established by this General Assembly.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
That all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, except such as are made Prize of, which shall be imported directly or indirectly from Great-Britain or Ireland into this Colony, contrary to the Regulations established by the said Congress, shall be forfeited, one Half to and for the Use of the Colony, and the other Half to the Use of the Informer and Prosecutor for the same, and shall be liable to Trial and Condemnation in the Court erected in this Colony for the Trial of Prizes.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
That a Copy of this Act be inserted in the Newport Mercury and Providence Gazette.

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AN Account, charged against the Colony by Mr. *J. Haszard alias Jonathan Haszard*, for his Services and Expences in going to Block-Island, by Order of this Assembly, to apprehend some disaffected Persons, having been laid before and duly examined by this Assembly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that *Three Pounds Seven Shillings and Sixpence*, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Haszard*, out of the General-Treasury.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Governor, his Honor the Deputy-Governor, and the Assistants of this Colony, Five of whom to be a Quorum, together with such Members of the Lower House of Assembly as may attend, and the Secretary, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to act and transact such Business as the Exigency of public Affairs shall make (during the Recess of the General Assembly) necessary; and that all their Acts and Doings be laid before this Assembly at the next Session.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Deputy-Governor, Mr. Thomas Freebody, Mr. John Brown, William Potter, Esq; and Charles Holden, Esq; be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire into the Number of Cannon in this Colony belonging thereto, and to determine where it will be most advantageous to place them, and to give Orders for placing them accordingly; and that they make Report to this Assembly.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the following Officers be and they are hereby appointed to command the Trained Bands or Companies of Militia in the Town of Newport, to wit:

William Tripp Captain, *Caleb Carr, jun.* Lieutenant, and *Jonathan Simmons* Ensign, of the First Company.

Henry Wiles Captain, *Robert Dunbar* Lieutenant, and *William Pendleton* Ensign, of the Second Company.

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Wing Spooner Captain, Stukely Wyatt Lieutenant, and Lee Langley Ensign, of the Third Company.

William Downing Captain, John Nichols Lieutenant, and Benjamin Hammett Ensign, of the Fourth Company.

Enquiry to be made for Guns taken from the Troops of this Colony. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That the several Members of the Committee of Safety be and they are hereby appointed and directed to enquire into and examine the Certificates of Guns taken from the Inhabitants of this Colony, while in the Continental Service; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.*

Militia Officers appointed for Exeter. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That the following Persons be and they are hereby appointed to command the Trained Bands or Companies of Militia in the Town of Exeter, to wit :*

Jonathan Bates Captain, Stephen Wightman Lieutenant, and Henry Reynolds Ensign, of the First Company.

John Hoxsie Captain, George Sweet, jun. Lieutenant, and Eber Shearman Ensign, of the Second Company.

Daniel Barber, jun. Captain, Phinehas Kinyon Lieutenant, and George Wilcox Ensign, of the Third Company.

Business before the Superior Court at Bristol, in April last, continued to next Term. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Actions, Matters, Causes and Things whatever, which were pending before the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, which was to have been holden at Bristol on the Second Monday in April last, but fell through, be and the same is hereby continued to the next Term of the said Court, to be then heard, tried and determined: That all Persons who are entitled to Executions from the said Court, which so ought to have been holden, have Liberty to take out the same; and that the Executions in Favour of Cromel Child against Isaac Levi be not stayed.*

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Executions, for Executions the staying of which Petitions are pending before this Assembly, be and the same are hereby stayed, until such Petitions be heard; and that this Vote be published in the *Newport Mercury* and *Providence Gazette*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Choice of Persons to Offices, which ought to have been filled up at the last or the present Session, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session; and that in the mean Time the Persons sustaining such Offices continue to discharge the Duties of them, with as full Power and Authority as they have at any Time heretofore had.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying Adjourned before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session, to be then heard and determined: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Providence*, in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County in the Colony, by him to be transmitted to the respective Town-Clerks in the County: And that this Assembly be and hereby is adjourned unto the Third Monday in *August* next, then to meet in the Town of *Newport*.

GOD save the UNITED COLONIES.

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